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DARREN LUM/ECHO

Fun end to school

Let's admit it - there's not much learning that goes on in the last week of school. Stuart Baker Elementary School celebrated the arrival of summer and end of school with its traditional fun day. Andrew Jennings emerges first from the chute during the obstacle course.

Echo wins six national awards

After being named the best community newspaper in Ontario in its circulation category, *The Haliburton County Echo* has gone on to win several honours in the Canadian Newspaper Association competition.

Our first place awards include: Best Christmas Edition for papers with a circulation between 4,000 to 12,499; Best

Environmental Writing for newspapers with a circulation under 10,000; and Best Newspaper Promotion for newspapers with a circulation of 4,000 to 12,499.

The Echo also won second-place awards for Best Historical Story for newspapers with a circulation between 4,000 and 12,499 and Best Sports Photo for newspapers with a circulation

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It came third in Best Coverage of the Arts for newspapers with a circulation between 4,000 and 12,499.

The judge said *The Echo's* Christmas edition was "the hands down winner. Wow. *The Echo's* photographer Darren Lum helped set the bar high right from the front page. No institutional photos in this sup-

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For the award-winning feature on The Future of the Frost Centre, the judge said "First-

See **National** page 21

Rain rescues boating season

ERIN TENNANT

Staff Reporter

Boaters can take comfort now that Haliburton's lakes have recovered their full water levels after a slow start in spring - although lakeside residents may stay wary of shoreline erosion.

The county's 45-dam reservoir system reached 98.7 per cent of its capacity levels last week, up 4.6 percent on readings at the same time last year, according to Trent-Severn Waterways reports.

The reading follows an April low of 68 percent.

"The May and June rains did it," said TSW control engineer, Bruce Kitchen. "We would have been fine without these rains in June. We got close to 75mm in the first half of the month. That's roughly double the rate we usually get."

Earlier this spring, low precipitation and a below-average snow melt feeding into the county's lakes threatened to leave boaters navigating through shallow narrows, dodging submerged obstacles or being unable to reach their docks come summer.

"We've started off pretty well, unless it turns out to be a bone dry summer," said Kitchen.

However, residents with waterfront properties may have to contend with some shoreline erosion. "Higher water levels tend to lap right up against the grass in some places, especially with high winds... Sometimes trees fall in."

As well, residents are reporting that their fixed docks are now below the waterline.



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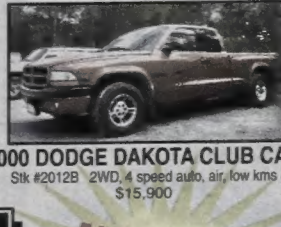
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Joan Eyres, right, was chosen Volunteer of the Year for Haliburton County Home Support Services. She was presented with a plaque and flowers by HCHSS Resource Development Co-ordinator Roxanne Casey at the group's annual general meeting recently at Birch Point Lodge.

JERRY GROZELLE/Echo



The fire hazard for Haliburton is extremely high after several very hot days but as of press time a fire ban had not been set for the long weekend.

Should the hot weather persist, as it is being predicted, Dysart Fire Chief Miles Maughan says the warning may be upgraded to a ban. People can call their municipal offices to check.

Last weekend there was an incident, he says, of someone throwing a cigarette butt out their car window on Highway 118 east of Haliburton and it started a grass fire. Maughan says it get called in and if they have other incidents they will up grade to a ban, but he says they try not to so people can have campfires on the long weekend.

He says the greatest risk usually comes from campers who do not properly clear an area for a fire or put it out completely so that about three days after they leave a fire flares up.

The chief explained that each municipality has the authority to declare a fire ban but they try to do it in conjunction with the entire county making it easier to enforce. He says in discussions with other chiefs on Monday morning it was decided to elevate the risk level to extreme. The MNR has raised risk levels in northern Ontario but not yet here.

Maughan also wanted to take the opportunity to remind people there is a ban on daytime burning.



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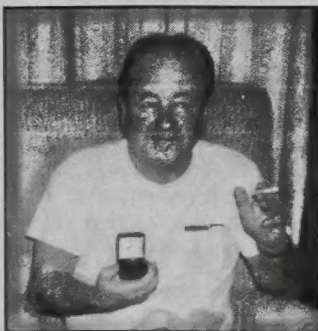
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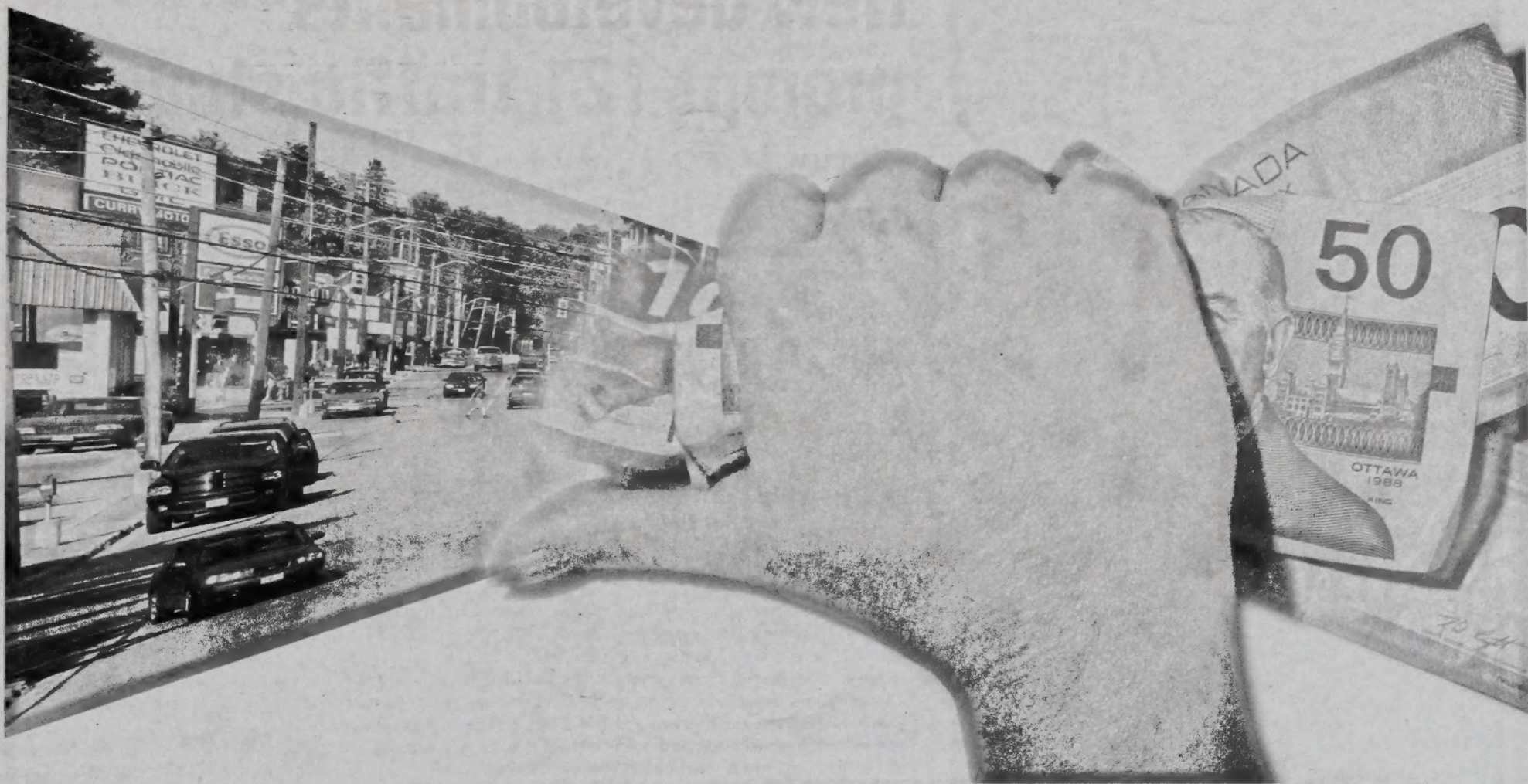
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Businesses caught in the grip of giving

Stores can get up to four requests a day for donations

ERIN TENNANT

Staff Reporter

Local shop owners are fatigued from the increased volume of fundraising campaigns targeting their stores this year, with a long list of local galas, regattas, fashion shows, golf tournaments and dances all seeking donations from local businesses.

"Between walk-ins and phone calls, sometimes I get four requests [for donations] in one day," says Country Pickin's owner, Laurie Bonfield. "They ask for merchandise for silent auctions, donations for prizes, one even asked me to donate a whole day's worth of proceeds from the shop. I simply can't afford that. We're still running on a two-month economy - July and August."

Kitchens Etcetera owner Mary Chvedukas says fundraisers visit her store almost on a daily basis asking for gift baskets. "Once you donate to one cause, the word gets around to all the others. Some fail to see that when we make a donation, the product still has to be paid for by someone, and that someone is us."

Chvedukas says she is forced to set a budget for charitable gifts at the start of each fiscal year in April. But donations so far this year have eaten into 30 per cent of that budget, she says.

IGA owner Bob Park says that his donations budget cuts into his advertising budget. "It means I may not be able to go into the local newspaper to advertise."

Halco Radio Shack owner Don van Nood reports that some fundraisers are

adopting new marketing tricks for pulling in the dollars. "Instead of just a \$100 or \$200 donation, you're now being asked to attend a golf tournament or fancy dinner, which can cost up to \$500 per head, as well as donating a prize from the store."

Van Nood also says the increased volume of fundraisers has brought with it third-party companies that are unclear about the charitable nature of their cause. Last year, Halco purchased 20 copies of a hard cover children's book at \$25 each from publisher Children's Programs. The publisher's sales representative told van Nood that there would be a desire for these books among children at local health facilities, while the proceeds went to the Haliburton Lions Club.

"When we drove out to Haliburton Hospital with the books, it already had a big pile of them just sitting there. It was the same story at Minden Hospital as well as at the local dental clinic," recalls van Nood.

The book, *Heart of a Champion*, is a short-story collection with basic black-and-white line drawings of cartoon-like characters. It lists 27 local businesses that acted as sponsors.

The Lions Club's Ken Noble says that part of the appeal of fundraising through a third party was how little effort was required, with the club's main duty being "driving around in the van for a couple of hours one day delivering the books from door to door... It beats standing in the rain for hours collecting donations from drivers at our toll bridge fundraiser."

However, despite Children's Programs selling 162 books in Haliburton last year at a gross income of \$4,050, the cheque that the publisher eventually mailed out to the local Lions Club amounted to just \$486. This year, Children's Programs estimates selling 170 copies of its new book, *Firefighters*, said Noble.

Other local business owners explain the social pressures to donate and the difficulty of saying no. "Imagine a group of representatives from a lake association coming into my store asking for dona-

tions and I know that many of the association's members shop here. In the back of my mind I'm wondering what effect it will have on my business if I say no," said one shop owner.

Fundraisers say they are aware of donor fatigue among local businesses only indirectly and that shop owners don't often express their concerns face-to-face.

"People we have approached in the community have been very receptive," says Sir Sandford Fleming College director, Barb Bolin, whose fundraising team has secured contributions from 84 local businesses and individuals over the past 18 months for the college's \$2.5 million building project.

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation's director, Dale Walker, says she tries to avoid going back to the same businesses for donations. (The HHHS is still fundraising to pay off the remaining \$1.6 million debt on a \$20 million project for new buildings and equipment). "We try to return the favour to donors," says Walker. "We patronize as many of our donors as we can as well as recommending their business to others."

The Chamber of Commerce's marketing coordinator, Carol Moffatt, explains that many fundraisers are forced to solicit local businesses for donations because their corporate structure and small size prohibits them from being registered as local charities and applying for many government or private grants. "Asking for donations is a problem because people don't know what else to do," she says.

But Moffatt believes that constructive solutions can be sought. "What this community needs to do is move away from donations and move towards structured sponsorship. We need to restructure the giving so that it does legitimately generate business instead of just giving away freebies."

"For example, a local business owner could buy a banner space at a key location at some gala event where the owner knows how many people will pass

through and see that banner. So you can calculate the value of that banner."

"A one-liner in a brochure or in a newspaper after the event is nice, but it's not going to do anything for the business."

The structured approach has proven to be the more successful method for both fundraisers and donors, says vice president of marketing and strategy at the consulting firm Grantstream, Richard Pringle. "Businesses are looking for opportunities to raise a positive profile within their community," says Pringle, whose firm is based near Toronto. "The fundraiser has to do more research to build those strategic alliances, but businesses always respond well to them."

Another solution is to start a community foundation (visit Community Foundations of Canada online at www.community-fdn.ca) whereby local businesses hand over willing donations to a central body with an elected board of directors that decides how those donations are distributed. The fundraisers would then make their requests to the foundation instead of soliciting individual businesses - an idea that shop owners in Haliburton seemed to favour.

"Let's pool our resources and see what we can do to support all these causes," said Chvedukas from Kitchens Etcetera.

A community foundation - there are 34 operating in Ontario - would also ensure that the same businesses so visible on main street are not solicited over and over again while less conspicuous shops escape the deluge of fundraiser campaigns.

"It's an excellent idea but it's a huge undertaking," says Moffatt. "Starting a community foundation is like launching a small business. It involves full-time jobs with payrolls, an office location, storage space, liability insurance, reports and AGMs. But the how-to already exists. What we need is one champion to say 'Hey, let's have a meeting.'"

"This community is incredibly generous," Moffatt says. "But if we're experiencing donor fatigue then it won't be long before business owners start to say 'No, I won't give anything.'"

Find out how to celebrate Canada Day in this week's County Life!



ERIN TENNANT/Echo

Here she comes...

Thirty-two female contestants, including Emmy Morrison, paraded down the gymnasium red carpet for the 'Miss New Zealand Pageant' at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School recently. The night raised \$700 to help send 16-year-old Emily Bjelis on her Rotary exchange trip to New Zealand. Emily, from Minden, leaves on July 23 to spend a full academic year at a high school in New Zealand's North Island.

New developments prompt 121 traffic study

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

The following is a collection of short briefs from the June 9 regular meeting of Dysart et al council.

Councillors agreed it is time to do another traffic study, particularly since the developments of a proposed Loblaw's store and a plaza along County Road 121 are likely going ahead.

The Otis Group of Companies' re-zoning application generated no submitted or formal opposition for plans to change the residential to commercial zone so they can erect a plaza on land that is now occupied by houses. However, the re-zoning application is still being processed by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

Councillors expressed concern about pedestrian traffic coming out of the high school and car traffic through town, particularly the intersections of Highland Street and Cedar Avenue, and 121 and County Road 1.

Crosswalk

Council has approved the idea of a pedestrian courtesy crosswalk in downtown Haliburton. The concern was raised about people crossing all over main street from behind parked cars,

creating a traffic hazard.

The ideal place would be between the two grocery stores and V&S. The crosswalk would not have lights but there would be lines painted on the road so drivers would know to look for pedestrians there.

Davis says he saw an example of the crosswalk in Bancroft.

Another initiative Fearrey brought up to improve the downtown was to look into planting trees that do not have extensive root systems.

Farmers' Market

The issue of having a Farmers' Market on municipal property in Haliburton was back on the table. Clerk Tammy McKelvey said Minden's insurance costs are \$600.

Councillor Jerry Walker said he had picked up bylaws concerning farmers markets from other municipalities and thought they would be useful in drafting Dysart's bylaw. He also commented that the BIA does not oppose a market if it's not on the main street.

Deputy-Reeve Bill Davis is concerned that the Health Unit is suggesting there be public washrooms, waste disposal and potable water on site. Reeve Murray Fearrey says if they held it on the ball diamond they

could use the arena washrooms.

Councillor Nancy Roberts, Walker and Fearrey and a member of the BIA will form a committee with members of the Farmers Market to work out details for next year.

Tax referendum

Councillors expressed their opposition to an initiative by the Tory government that would force municipalities to have a referendum if they wanted to raise taxes.

Fearrey says in the case of emergency, municipalities need to have the authority to respond quickly. He added the initiative is getting a lot of objection from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Walker says the initiative sounds like a way to add meat to the election platform.

Rails End

A committee was established to oversee plans to move Rails End Gallery back into the park.

Ideas were tossed around the table about whether or not the building should be turned around to face the railroad tracks and the road. There was also debate about how far back the building needs to go to provide adequate room for parking and the road.

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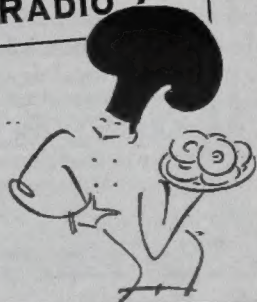
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Fine arts guild slashes deficit

ANDY LLOYD

Staff Reporter

The Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts held its annual meeting on June 18 at the Rails End Gallery, announcing it has cut its deficit from \$14,447 to just over \$1,000.

Guild president Joe Smith was pleased with the improvement but warned, "We still have work to do to achieve a healthy financial future."

Superbuild was the big topic of the meeting. The Rails End Gallery received over \$100,000 in government funding to renovate and move the gallery from its current location, across the old tracks into Head Lake Park. The Guild must raise \$30,000 for the project and Dysart et al agreed to chip in another \$100,000.

Reeve Murray Fearrey said, "This building has as much historical value as the municipal office. There's a value to arts and crafts in this community and you're really at a turning point with this funding. I think you've got something good here, but like I said, it's a partnership and we'd like to see your group pull together like never before so we can get this thing going."

Work on the project is scheduled to begin this fall.

Smith told Guild members in attendance to get ready for hard work. "We're going to need an army of volunteers. But SuperBuild is going to be exciting. There's no doubt about it."

At the meeting, the Guild presented flowers to Rails End Gallery employees Susan Turner and Meredith Brown, thanking them for their hard work and dedication.

The Haliburton School of the Arts faculty show will begin at the Rails End Gallery on June 30 and run until August 11. Smith reminded everybody that the arts and craft show in Head Lake Park is coming up on July 25, 26 and 27.

One person's trash...

The annual Trash and Treasures sale along the shores of Head Lake in Haliburton drew huge crowds Saturday morning for a wide assortment of stuff. Hosted by Dysart et al, this year's event was bigger than ever, with eager shoppers arriving at 7:30 in the morning. Above, sisters Katrina Mclean and Raven used their own money to buy these adorable Beanie Babies while a shopper at left foregoes this teapot - maybe because of the heat.



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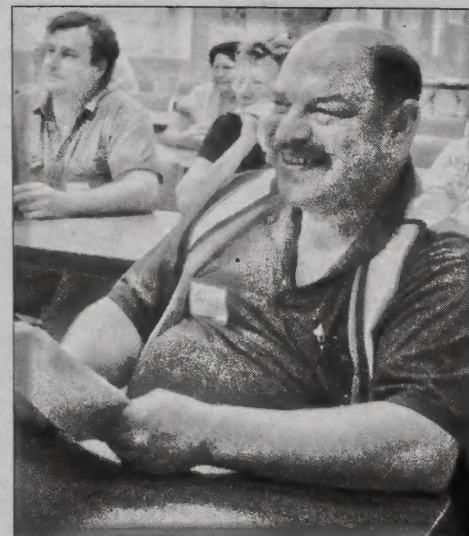
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David Irwin, Dale Jarvis and Larry Watt and Gerald McKnight listen in at the Community Living annual general meeting last Tuesday.

Martha Perkins photos

Community Living must embrace and prepare for change

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Time doesn't stand still and neither should any organization, Community Living members were told at last Tuesday's annual general meeting at the Haliburton Legion.

"Hope is a bad strategy," said Mike Coxon Consultants. "You need to be able to change with the times."

"You've had some success but the challenges are never-ending. We constantly have to work at this."

Coxon spent part of last winter helping the agency update its strategic plan. Problems were identified, but so too were solutions – or how to work at finding solutions.

One challenge is finding ways

to full integrate members of Community Living into the community. Getting them to the events is the first obstacle, and then comes providing them with meaningful employment and a social network.

"They want to have more friends," Coxon said. The community has been accepting – both Coxon and other speakers touched on how many people were saddened by the death of Barry Stromberg last year – but the members need to broaden the scope of their social lives.

For the agency, it will have to find ways to cope with the needs of its aging clientele. People with intellectual handicaps begin to show the signs of aging earlier and their needs must be understood by the social services which help them.

"Plan around a significant impact," Coxon said. "Ignore that and you do so at your peril."

There'll also be pressure to expand services. Labour issues have altered slightly now that the staff has unionized. To the staff he advised, "Keep learning. We can never sit back on our laurels and say we know how to do our job."

Another ongoing issue is helping young members make the transition from school, where there are many social interactions, to the community.

To achieve these goals, Community Living cannot work alone. It's vital to include the members' families as well as the broader community and other service providers.

"You operate in a web of organizations," Coxon said. "You

can't do what you want by yourself."

The organization's goals, set out in Vision 2006, put more emphasis on the family.

Coxon had praise for the local agency. Some groups have lost sight of who they're working for, and why, but Haliburton County Community Living has always remained dedicated to the people it serves.

"One of the real pleasures about this organization is it's about people. You're living proof of what Community Living is all about."

Executive director Maureen O'Hara thanked the staff and board for all their work over the past year. "The staff make great use of limited resources and everyone enjoys what they're doing and why they're doing it."

"We're all here because we care deeply," board president Andrea Roberts told the audience of staff, board members and clients. From the board's perspective, she says everyone is working towards their desire to see Community Living grow and develop.

Auditor Dave Gray gave a positive financial report. The agency still has a bit of a surplus after receiving \$660,000 in grants. Fundraising events were also successful.

The newly elected board is Andrea Roberts, Rhonda Elstone, Cheryl Tidey, Nancy Picard, Nancy Bishop, Bob English, Mike Landry, Marianne Strype, Lynne Tate and Rhonda Elstone. Tom Vos was given a parting present in appreciation for his years on the board.

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New eastern school's fate known by September

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board will know by September whether it will secure provincial funding to construct a new school in the east end of Haliburton County, says David Hill, director of education.

A recent meeting of the small schools committee was held at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School so that TLDSB staff could report the results of a provincial audit of schools and funding possibilities.

Jim Bradley, acting business superintendent, said that in the fall of 2002 the Ministry of Education conducted an audit/inspection of five schools deemed in the worst physical condition per board.

The schools were ranked on common denominators such as roofing, air handling systems, and structural integrity to create a facility condition index. The higher

the score on the index the higher the need to replace or extensively renovate the school.

Wilberforce scored 49; a score of 65 was needed to make the funding list. Bradley says Wilberforce was surprisingly low on the list with 54 schools deemed worse off in the province. Of that number only 34 qualified for the dollars announced last year.

Hill says due to the fact that TLDSB is a large rural board they may have more luck with the Ontario Rural Education Strategy funding, the ministry's response to the recommendations made by the Education Quality Task Force. Mordecai Rozanski recommended funding for small schools in single school communities. This March, the ministry announced \$19 million in permanent funding for small, rural, and northern schools and \$50 million in new funding for the rural strategy.

In the past, TLDSB has received about one per cent of any pot of money the ministry announces but Hill says this time they are hoping for more. He says MPP Chris Hodgson went out of his way to check the list of rural

schools getting funding and called to see why Wilberforce did not make the list. Elizabeth Witmer, minister of education, responded with a letter to Hill.

She says that although Wilberforce did not make the list in the first round there may be an opportunity after all of the schools in Ontario are inspected for the board to receive money. The minister also acknowledged the situation in the eastern end and the proposal for a new consolidated school for Wilberforce and Cardiff elementary school kids. Her letter says TLDSB can use its grants for New Pupil Places and School Renewal to plan for the proposed consolidation.

Hill warned those present – all of the county's principals, trustees and community representatives – that if they do not receive any funding they will have to go back to the drawing board and look at such things as changing boundaries. The situation is at its worst in Cardiff where teachers are handling triple grades and the number of students is expected to drop from 65 to 58 students this fall.

SARS recovery funding a massive undertaking

Faced with the heavy tourism losses due to SARS, the provincial government has announced plans to cost-share up to 75% of eligible costs for approved tourism marketing campaigns in the domestic, U.S. and overseas market. This is very exciting news but before you pick up the phone to find out how you can be involved, there are lots of details you need to have.

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce intends to submit an application to the Destination Marketing Partnership Fund providing it receives the level of community support necessary and the partners meet the criteria set by the Ministry of Tourism.

The program is for co-ordinated efforts with one contact point (the Chamber), but the time frame calls for organizing the next eight months' worth of advertising in the next several weeks.

The partnership requirements and mandatory elements of the application process are substantial and will be very time-consuming. Planning for how the application will be approached is underway and community co-operation is vital.

Due to current and ongoing projects it will be difficult for the Chamber to contact local tourism providers individually, so marketing coordinator Carol Moffatt will undertake the majority of this project via e-mail and fax.

Hard proof of business losses or decreases must accompany the application so the first step will be a short survey for tourism providers and event organizers that will be sent out in the next few days.

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Referendum tyranny

It's not just the "June gloom" that's casting a bit of a pall over California these days. When you read the newspapers there's a disheartening array of stories about a state that should have everything going for it. The state government is almost bankrupt. Colleges are laying off staff, hospitals are closing services, roads are like patchwork quilts and police drive around in cruisers that have bumper stickers which read "Don't throw your baby out." (Because there's no public healthcare, women who can't afford to go to the hospital, let alone take care of their baby, simply abandon them. The state is creating more "drop off" places where women can

echo

editorial

— martha perkins

Sure there are still your gated communities and parades of luxury cars in California, one of the richest places in the world. But in their quest to live out the American dream of making a better life for themselves, it seems that once they start earning lots of money Americans really resent giving any of it away, especially governments. It's one of the downsides of their fierce individualism.

Twenty-five years ago, California voters agreed to put a cap on property taxes. Governments can't raise property taxes more than two per cent a year and the tax can't be more than one per cent of assessment. The plebiscite was binding for all time, for all generations of Californians.

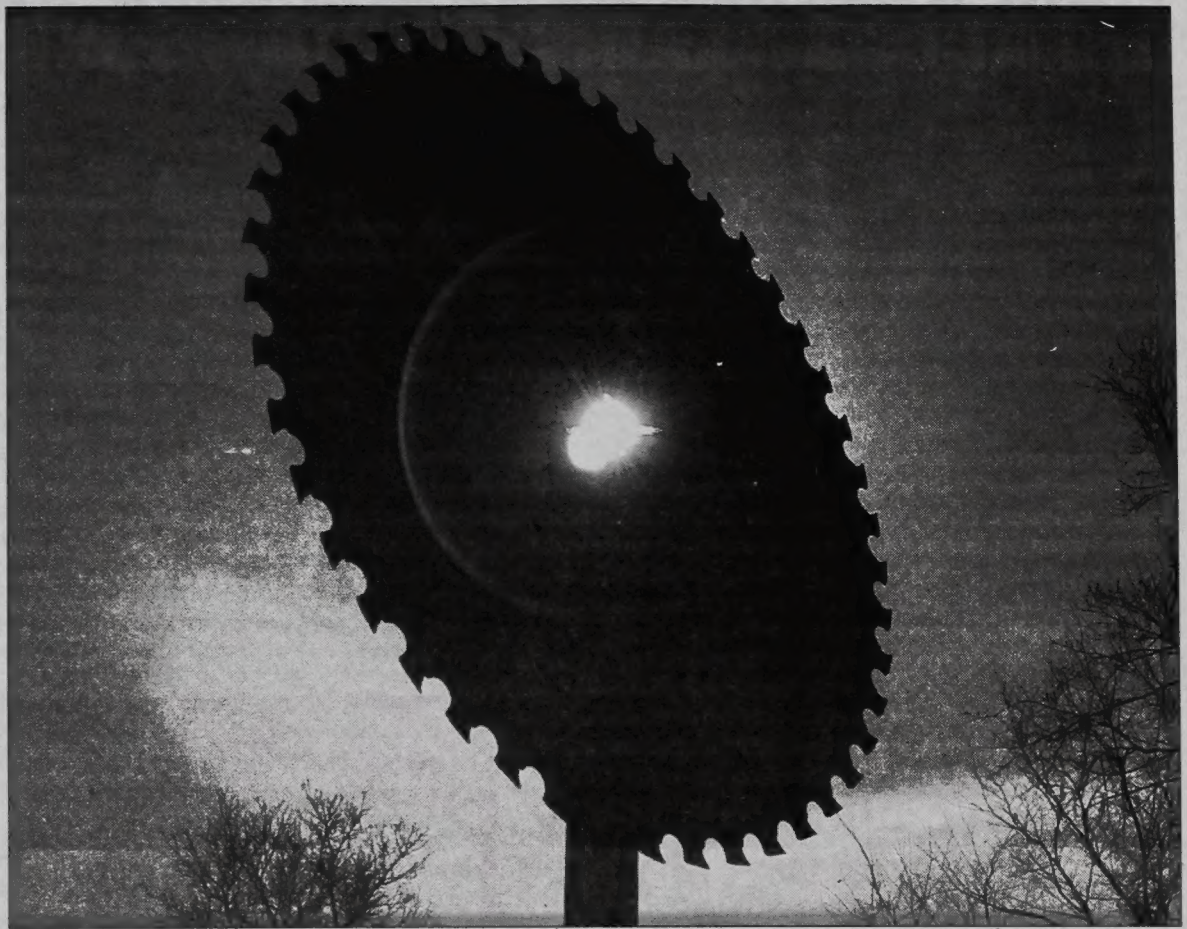
That means municipal governments don't have a lot of money to spend and its infrastructure is starting to show it. Its schools are amongst the worst in the country, hospitals in poor areas can't survive and there's a general state of malaise. Even though people are recognizing that more money must be spent on these programs, it's hard to find a legal way to do so.

Bravo, therefore, to Dysart et al council and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, AMO, for voicing objections to the Tory party's election promise to force municipalities to hold a referendum if they want to raise taxes. While it is an honourable objective to try to limit people's tax burden, there has to be the realization that services have value, services cost money and as a society, we seem to be expecting more and better services. It would be wrong to let a group of people tie the hands of municipal governments and the referendum process itself would also add an extra expense. Leave it to the voters to decide, every three years, whether municipal politicians are being wise stewards of their tax dollars.

Shade, glorious shade

It is a brief, one-line sentence, but oh it says so much. Dysart council is investigating the possibility of planting trees on Haliburton's main street!

Driving into town it's always wonderful to see the lush foliage which covers our landscape – that is until you reach the business section where there's nary a tree to be seen. Haliburton does not, ah hum, have one of the prettiest main streets and trees would do so much to camouflage its flaws, as well as make it look more inviting. Let's hope Dysart does use some of those property tax dollars to green up our main street.



Gooderham sculpture

photo by DARREN LUM/Echo

Minding your manners

With bass season opening this Saturday, now seems as good a time as any to brush up on a little angling etiquette.

That's because, sooner or later, your fishing buddy is going to do something that will test your patience, loyalty and the very limits of your politeness - he'll catch a fish.

It probably won't be a big fish but he'll remind you that it is bigger than any you've boated thus far. That is to say it will probably be a little smaller than a stunted rock bass. Nevertheless, no matter how puny or unworthy the fish is, the mere fact that it was stupid enough to bite a gaudy, poorly presented lure should be reason enough to throw the odd insincere compliment towards the grinning idiot that's holding that very same fish. After all, that's what good friends are for.

You might start off with something like, "Hey, it might not be big, but it sure is feisty." This, of course, is quite appropriate unless it happens to be said within hearing distance of any member of the fairer sex. Though a seemingly innocent remark, there's too much opportunity for misinterpretation. If so, the innocent addition of another remark such as "Let me take a picture of you holding it," might compound the problem and cause a small but unruly crowd to gather at the public boat launch for your return. Several of which might have cameras.

Unfortunately, it could get even worse. Rather than rest on their laurels, politely putting their rods down until you catch the next few fish, some anglers actually continue fishing with a vengeance. Not only will they redouble their casting efforts but they'll also tie on just about everything in their tackle box in a desperate attempt to outsmart yet another fish. It's actually quite embarrassing - especially when it works. In

the end, they'll net something slightly bigger on a lure that does not even bear a passing resemblance to anything on this planet.

Note how I said "net". That's because, for the second fish, regardless of size, the angler is morally obligated to use a net. There is generally no reason to justify the energy expended in digging out and using the net, except that a net is practically a flag that screams, "I've got one!" Fellow anglers expect these theatrics.

Successful anglers also love sharing the good news lake-wide and they will do so with dramatic sweeps of the net. From a distance, it resembles semaphore. Those far-off anglers will naturally assume that a muskie-sized fish was hoisted up from the murky depths, what with all the splashing and flailing. As such they'll stay away, knowing that coming over and not catching one could dangerously deplete their arsenal of excuses.

A good fishing buddy, however, knows that the splashing and flailing is not necessarily indicative of the size of the fish and will actually go so far as to help his friend back into the boat. This, despite that friend's firm and hurtful conviction that the fishing buddy in question whacked him with the oar on purpose. In fact, I had one friend who was so ungrateful that the next time a black fly landed on his forehead, I didn't even bother to raise a finger let alone the oar.

For a short while after the "oar incident", say about a month or two, he'd complain of minor blackouts and dizziness. And while this whining certainly got tiresome, being a gentleman angler I merely nodded politely and ensured that he got his medication -- generally after I borrowed his net for the third time.

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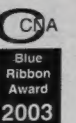
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Spirits that haunt and hover

THE SLANTING RAYS of early evening sun shone golden on the faces gathered in the cottage sun porch. It hadn't been a sun porch for over twenty years. But everyone in the family still referred to it that way. What had started out as an outside wall with a door and set of wooden steps had a verandah built on to accommodate deck chairs so Zoe's parents could catch the late day's sun while enjoying cocktails before dinner. However the space soon became too small as the rest of the family clamoured to enjoy the spot as well. It was ideal for reading,

colouring or enjoying a toasted tomato sandwich. But it wasn't big enough.

So the verandah became a screened porch, complete with roof. Now there was room to spread out comic and colouring books, entertain new boyfriends or watch cousins trying to sneak into the water for late-night skinny dips. The odd mosquito still managed to find its way in, despite the screens, but the porch was general-



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ly bug free and spacious. A couple of pull-out beds were added and Zoe and her sisters drew straws to see who could sleep out on the porch on warm summer nights. Many's the night she lay awake after everyone else had gone to bed, listening to the night sounds of creatures big and small, knowing that all that separated them was a thin film of metal screening. The thought had sent delicious shivers up her spine.

One summer Zoe's mother made full-length curtains of water repellent fabric so that on rainy days they could be drawn to keep the porch dry. By then the room had become an important part of the small cottage, taking the overflow or offering a place of quiet refuge, as needed.

Finally, an arrangement was made with a friendly contractor to knock out walls, add picture windows and make the sun porch an extension of the living/dining room. A practical move that now meant year-round use. But it also meant no more summer night sleeps intimately surrounded by the forest.

So the sun porch name stuck, even if the room itself had changed. Now, on this late June Sunday, Zoe was enjoying a chat with some friends visiting for the weekend. They would be heading back to the city in a few hours and were trying to eke out the last bit of cottage time they could. Zoe would be staying on for a few more days by herself.

One of the her friends, a teacher, talked about his class having taken a field trip to an historical building thought to be haunted and how the children had been both intrigued and frightened at the same time. He then admitted to having felt much the same way himself. So when Zoe told him her cottage was haunted, he gave a little nervous laugh and seemed to wait for her to reassure him that she was joking. She didn't.

She could see the wheels turning as he thought of the past two nights he had slept so soundly in one of the guest bedrooms. While unexplained occurrences happened in and around the cottage, Zoe stated, there was no need for concern. Lights turning on and off on their own, objects moving rappings, cold draughts, even a fire ball or two outdoors; these were neither threatening nor dangerous. It was all in how they were perceived. Seeing that he was not yet convinced, Zoe continued.

She explained that, while she often sensed the presence of spirits, she viewed them as friendly, even comforting because she knew they were probably her long deceased parents. The cottage had been a big part of their lives, as it was to her and her sisters. It was only natural, she thought, for the spirits to drop in from time to time and be part of the ambience of the place. To Zoe, it was not a matter of ghosts, but rather energy. This was good, loving energy and she welcomed it. Perhaps one day her own spirit might return to this very special place when she had passed on.

Zoe did not know if her teacher friend understood but she didn't really care. She had decided years ago that the only way she would be able to enjoy the cottage on her own was to embrace what she sensed was present and part of her beloved place. Once she was able to do that, all feelings of unease evaporated.

After her friends had left, Zoe continued to sit in the sun porch, looking out over the river. Night was beginning to arrive, the light soft and indistinct. A blue heron stood in the water, waiting for a fish to glide by. As long as she could remember, there had always been a heron.



pic of the past

Today, it's not uncommon to see a cottager or lodge visitor arrive at their destination in the Highlands in a float plane. But in 1939, when this photo was taken, a float plane landing on Elephant Lake would have been a rare occurrence. It certainly sparked the interest of the two gentlemen in the photo, Bill Sarginson and Russell Schickler. The fact that the pilot is out on the wing and the engine is stopped, so far from shore, suggests it might have been a forced landing.

letters to the editor

Cottager defends donation requests

To the Editor:

Re: Echo editorial "More than Enough" June 10, 2003

So publisher Len Pizzey doesn't approve of cottage associations soliciting local businesses?

Forty-nine forward-thinking businesses recently had no trouble saying "yes" to purchasing an ad in our lake association's annual newsletter. A newsletter that is sent to more than 225 households who have a cottage or home on the lake or who regularly visit one there.

I can understand a little of Mr. Pizzey's frustration at being asked frequently for support. Hopefully he can understand my frustration with his generalizations about cottage associations and cottagers' implied wealth.

It was especially frustrating having just read (two pages earlier in the same issue) an ad that the local HHSS Yearbook staff had placed in Mr. Pizzey's paper, thanking those local people who had supported their request for assistance. I thought, "Gee, maybe I should suggest that our lake association run a similar acknowledging ad." But that thought quickly turned to anger

when I turned the page and read Mr. Pizzey's editorial.

Our association doesn't ask anything of local businesses that isn't asked of our members. Our annual membership dues are \$25. For that, members get a number of benefits including the newsletter with ready reference of local business products and services. The ad revenues are used to help defray the costs of production and mailing, just as it's done at a community newspaper. We don't ask local businesses to buy ads so we can make a contribution to a local cause and look good.

Members of all cottage associations spend a lot of money in local businesses. And increasingly, not just in the summer.

I'm not sure what response Mr. Pizzey hoped for when he wrote his editorial. But it did get my back up, as you can tell.

As for what local businesses thought of the words he put in their mouths, I'll leave that to them.

Carol Macaulay
Koshlong Lake and Toronto

Editorial was 'right on', local author says

To the Editor:

Re: Publisher Len Pizzey's Editorial "More Than Enough"

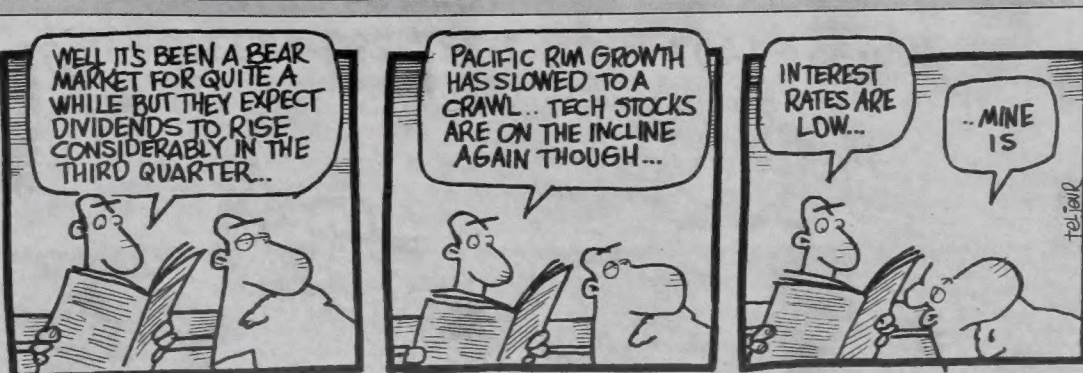
Right on, Len, when you decry the deluge of charitable requests received by local business peo-

ple.

I operate one of the smallest 'businesses' in the county. I write books for which I receive no expenses but a small royalty per book sold.

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Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur



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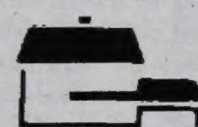
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Fight promised over gravel pit

To the Editor:

The Coleman Lake and Redstone River community is a quiet rural residential area with predominantly small cottages and houses. Many of us retired; many are seasonal residents and intend to retire to this quiet area. Others have lived in the area for many years, going about our jobs and raising our children in this quiet community.

We were shocked and surprised that yet again Dysart Township and an applicant have proceeded to process and write a report on a zoning application to permit a permanent gravel pit in our community with no prior consultation with the people who will be most affected by it.

In 1985 Dysart acquired a lot in our area through tax default. The neighbours agreed to the establishment of a wayside pit for one reason: a short-term use to upgrade the local road. The township agreed to restricted access to the pit and times of operation and we were assured

that the pit would be used for a short time to provide a small amount of gravel for local use. Since that time we have had nothing but trouble with endless violations of the terms of our agreement with the township. Over the past few years the township has purchased three additional pieces of property from Paul and Linda Hebert to expand the pit. The residents in the area were not notified of this. The size and scope of the gravel operation has increased, damaging our small bridge on several occasions and destroying our peace and quiet in violation of all prior agreements.

And now what? An application to rezone 17 acres for a gravel pit – not a time-limited wayside pit for local use, but a full-fledged gravel pit to operate for the dozens of years it takes to take out as much gravel as they want. Again, no one was given notice. Had we not come across a small notice in the newspaper we wouldn't even have known about the application.

Is this how this township deals with local residents?

This major industrial operation will result in noise, dust, danger to the bridge, heavy truck use of a dangerous intersection with County Road 7, danger to children who play on the small access road, environmental impact to deer and other wildlife, wetlands, water flow from the site for years to come.

We are organizing to fight this use in our quiet community. But this could happen anywhere with a Township that seems to be happy to operate in secret and to violate its own agreements.

Joanne Cressy
for the Executive,

Interim Coleman Lake & Redstone
River Ratepayers' Association

If forests must be cut to pay taxes, the value of properties will fall

To the Editor:

RE: Changes to the managed forest tax rebate program

Why are we all here in Haliburton? Some of us are lucky enough to have been born in this part of the country and on venturing away, usually return. Most of us are imported from other areas of the province.

All of us appreciate and value the forests that surround us. Can you imagine how our property values will drop when the forest around our lakes and homes is clear cut to allow the property owner next to us to pay their taxes!

To the provincial government – most forest owners in Haliburton have carefully cultivated their properties to provide reproducing forest products for future decades. Reforestation is as valuable to us in this part of the country as job farming is in Eastern Ontario.

The forest owners should be encouraged to manage their forest and provide a rich natural resource for Ontario. Our municipal governments and the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation should consider two major problems with their tactics:

- If our properties decrease in value because the surroundings are no longer beautiful, our tax base will naturally decrease by market devaluation.
- There are large sources for increased

revenue in new development that has been growing in the past several years and which has not been assessed. As a real estate sales person, I often meet clients who have established buildings that may be 5 – 10 years old and they are still paying taxes as if they were on an undeveloped lot.

Maybe the provincial government would be better to implement a law that says that for properties that are not reassessed within six months of development, the tax should be payable retroactively, possibly by the delinquent staff of the MPAC. I am not suggesting that this should be applied to present delinquent accounts, but for future consideration.

Please don't sacrifice our forests to developments and barren lands as the only way for forest owners to pay that huge tax increase that the provincial government wants.

Tax payers, I would like to enlist your help in this effort, in the form of a committee to set up petitions at prominent locations and on e-mail. I would be happy to receive e-mails at forestrytax@yahoo.ca if you are concerned about this issue.

Cathy Lancia
Redstone Lake

(Surrounded by Haliburton Forest)

How about giving us 16 free books?

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Occasionally I even get to sell these books other than via stores.

So far this year I have been dunned for \$300 worth of books. One lady even asked for 16 of the copies of a new book so that each member of a club could have one at a convention.

My solution? I now have a budget for this sort of thing – and it has been exceeded for 2003.

Michael Barnes, C.M.,
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Minister expresses 'profound disappointment' with federal decision on same sex marriage

The following letter was first sent to Prime Minister Jean Chrétien

Mr. Prime Minister,

I am writing to express my profound disappointment with this government. Your support of "same sex marriage" indicates:

a) A seriously flawed understanding of the true nature and importance of marriage and family. Do you not realize that healthy psychological well-being, which is the foundation of a strong society, derives from traditional, loving family units? Already, our society is struggling with the unfortunate reality of massive numbers of single parent (usually single mom) families. Your decision, by detracting from the importance and dignity of the traditional family, can do nothing but erode the foundations of community life.

b) That you are not interested in the opinions and values of the majority of Canadians. Our views were amply expressed to the inquiry which heard the public on this matter last winter, but it appears the decision had already been made, as indicated by the "Beyond Conjugality" document published by the Law Commission in 2001. We are at the mercy of a non-elected judiciary whose political agenda elected officials refuse to thwart.

c) That you have rejected the Judeo-Christian moral and legal code upon which this nation was founded and through which we have enjoyed great liberty and prosperity. This has been substituted with an ever-shifting, relativistic set of values which recognizes no absolutes. This "we know better" view is extremely arrogant.

d) That you are ready to hastily bow to the demands of political correctness for the sake of political expediency.

I hope that for the sake of our nation you will change your mind.

Harry Morgan,
Haliburton

Trails and Tours looks for help in solving forest taxation issue

To the Editor:

As an umbrella organization representing trail organizations and individuals who enjoy the variety of trail experiences in Haliburton county, the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours network is concerned about the impact that the potential changes to the Managed Forests Tax Incentive Program (MFTIP) will have on the trail system in Haliburton County.

Over the past five years, HHTTN has been dedicated to developing and promoting the Haliburton Highlands as a premiere year-round trails and tours destination. Hundreds of volunteer hours have been spent planning for the development of trails for the benefit of permanent and seasonal residents as well as tourists to the area.

The Network is focusing on trail development and upgrades over the next three to five years. Currently, HHTTN is working in partnership with 12 trail organizations to complete OSTAR projects, an investment of close to \$1 million in federal government and local matching funding. In addition to this, the Hike Haliburton project is underway with \$307,000 funding

to upgrade existing hiking trails and develop new ones. As many of the trails cross private land, the projects underway require the involvement and consent of landowners. The heart of the trail 'system' in Haliburton County is a cooperative partnership between these private landowners, the County, Municipalities and trail users. Without all partners involved, the system breaks down and what's left is a number of short trails that lack the current connections to towns, resorts and other recreational opportunities that the County has to offer.

In the interest of seeking a better understanding of the implications of the MFTIP to all with a vested interest, the HHTTN will be facilitating a public meeting to bring people together to discuss the issues. Please contact the Trails and Tours office for more information.

We look forward to working together to find local solutions to keep the trail system in Haliburton County intact.

Lindsay Elder,
Executive Director,

Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network

Election could end Ernie Eves' smile

To the Editor:

It seems that smiling Emperor Ernie the Ermine may finally be calling an election, presumably in the Fall before his coat changes and his true colours show themselves.

The electorate has a difficult choice. It's quite a conundrum, the Premier is apparently hoping that voters will forget and forgive, or at least stay home. The alternatives are Dalton McGuinty with the charisma of a warm bowl of oatmeal with too much maple syrup and soy milk. His message seems to be that he would paint the province with a new coat of red. This change may seem as good as a rest. With downloading, downsizing and privatization the public never got to feel the

money in their pocket from the Harris-Eves tax cuts, so much as a hand ferreting around in there for more change.

There is, of course, Howard Hampton. It does not seem likely he'll get to Queen's Park with the ghost of Bob Rae following him around like an organ-grinder's monkey; well, not so much a monkey, as Maurice Evans' Dr. Zaiys from the Planet of the Apes, or Roddy McDowell's Cornelius; a large chimpanzee. I'm afraid I don't remember what Premier Rae did which voters felt was so bad that they deserved a nine-year spanking from the Tories. I understand that some people enjoy that kind of thing, even, or especially, when it's administered by a professional, and they have to pay for it, repeatedly.

There are, of course, other choices; and I think, or hope, that after our long winter of discontent Emperor Ernie the Ermine will be surprised by voters' response, and won't be smiling any more.

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Ballet takes centre stage



Jordyn Archer holds her pose, in Nightingale dance. She dedicated the solo to her dad on Father's Day.



Tiffany vanLieshout pauses as a Sky Fairy Princess.



At back, Kerr glows in the spotlight.

Beautiful ballet

The Heritage Ballet Studio presented The Secret Garden recital 2003 held at the Northern Lights Arts Pavilion. It is their second annual recital. There were 50 young dancers ranging in age and skill level who performed a variety numbers

for a packed crowd, numbering close to 200 people. The two hour event was applauded enthusiastically. At the end Julie Barban and Dani Smolen were thanked for their efforts. Thank you goes to Nancy Ballentyne and to the back stage helpers: Rena Woodley, Brenda Duncan, and Courtney Hartin. Photos by Darren Lum



Loretta Kerr laughs as one of the two little rain drops.



A young group of ballet dancers do toe points.



Archer dances with Jocelyn Regina.



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Skateboard park gets rolling towards its goal.

See story on skateboard park progress on page 17.

Highlands will host North American hockey tournament

WADE MACINNES

Special to the Echo

The Highland Storm Minor Hockey Association is very proud to announce that it was selected to host the annual Silver Stick Tournament for the Eastern Ontario Zone.

This Regional Tournament will be held for additional entry Rep Teams, groups 3-5, which means minor hockey centres that are classified "BB" and lower.

Using both Haliburton and Minden arenas each age group will host a two-day, 12-team tournament starting with the Bantam age group on Saturday, November 22. The Midget age group will start on Saturday December 6; the Atom age group will start on Saturday December 20; and the Pee Wee will start on Saturday December 27.

These Silver Stick Tournaments will draw 44 hockey teams into the Highlands this Winter, which will help our local economy.

The prestigious Silver Stick Tournament was founded in 1957, when an Ottawa man named Jack Kinsella had the idea of promoting citizenship, goodwill, and sportsmanship through minor hockey internationally. In 1958, Ottawa and other Ontario teams competed in a tournament with teams from Northern New York, in Richmond Ontario for the unique prize of a 50" long solid silver hockey stick. This was donated by the Ottawa Citizen.

The tournament has since grown to all parts of North America, with Centres holding Regional Tournaments as far away as Huntsville Alabama, Westminster Colorado, Dallas Texas, and Nanaimo B.C. It now involves approximately 45,000 players and coaches every year.

The winners of each regional go on to a finals tournament in their age category and classification. The champions of the finals win a replica of the original Silver Stick and get their team inscribed on the Silver Stick Wall at the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto.



DARREN LUM/Echo

Wade MacInnes has his eyes set on the future of Haliburton that now includes the SilverStick Regional hockey tournament. There are 44 teams expected to participate and included in that group will be American teams.

The dream of hosting this tournament came to fruition after mailing an application bid to the Silver Stick Sanctioning Committee in May. The bid included a proposed budget, game schedules, letters of encouragement from local ex-NHL businessmen Ron Stackhouse, Glen Sharpley, and Walt McKechnie, accommodation information about the Highlands, along with our great reputation for hospitality.

On Friday June, 13 in Newmarket a verbal presentation was made, along with a slideshow promoting the Highlands. The sanctioning

committee voted 8-0 in favour of the Highlands' bid, while Nashville, Tennessee, and Wellesley, Ontario were turned down.

The following hockey fans are thanked for helping with this process: Delmer Rints, Ira Downer, Al Luke, Tracy Nesbitt, Bruce Griffith, Mark Eno, Ted Vasey, Brian Sachs, Lew Dummitt, Luke Schell and all the businesses that sponsor Minor Hockey in Haliburton Highlands. Thanks and look for the green banners outside both rinks this Winter.

Healthy living results, June 9-15

Winning participants for the week of June 9 - 15 (week #4) were:

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Family Services promotes virtues of recreation

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Study after study has shown how valuable recreational pursuits are to a child's development, requiring as they do social interaction between kids and adults.

Getting that kind of interaction happening in Haliburton County is the main push behind Family Services' latest ventures.

During the recent annual general meeting, Executive Director Fay Martin says she feels really good about giving kids a mechanism to just be kids through a new initiative which matches each of their child clients to a recreational activity of their choice.

"Giving a voice to kids at school age is my new froth," she warned her board and staff. "There is a lot of baby kissing going on right now with the government spending heavily on the zero to six age range. School age kids are being methodically silenced."

Martin was fascinated to learn how eager kids are to be heard when Family Services gave all the Grades 1,4,7 and 9 students in the county a chance to fill out a survey about their recreation habits. The data will be used to help the agency and the community make good decisions about youth's recreation needs. Martin says academic institutions and other agencies are also very interested in the

data.

Martin says they have been working on the initiative for two years but last year got a grant from Clarica, renewed this year, that helped pay for the hiring of Cindee St. Pierre and Sue Ferren. The agency will also receive \$35,000 a year from the National Child Benefit fund. In addition a small provincial grant in conjunction with the Health Unit will help fund a larger community effort to establish recreational priorities.

Adequate funding is critical because arranging for each child to get to their sport or activity, finding them the right equipment and working with them demands a lot of time. The two new staff

have also taken on Art Adventure and a new summer day camp program.

They are going to be working in conjunction with Greg Shantz, who has an established adventure-based program that includes ABLE, Climax Climbing Club, Gravity, Kayaking and a flavour-of-the-year initiative - this year's is skateboarding.

"The ultimate goal of the recreation incentive is to raise public awareness about how important it is that all children be included equitably in the recreational life of the community, and to increase civic investment in hard-wiring that goal into the fabric of our community," says Martin.

Money rolls in for new skateboard park

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

The skateboard park committee has made amazing fundraising strides and is hoping to build a new park at the 4Cs Foodbank location.

Greg Shantz, Family Services youth worker, says the municipally-owned building has been condemned for a few years now and the only thing holding them up is trying to find the food bank a new home. He says a new skateboard park will have a positive impact on the community.

He's not alone in his thinking. Dan Loukras and Glen Evans were talking during the recent Home Show about how their kids like to skateboard and the need for the new park. Evans says Loukras suddenly suggested, "If you throw in \$500 so will I." The challenge was on and the two men started challenging other businesses to make donations.

Evans says the response he got was very positive and to his knowledge they have raised about \$3,000 so far. Anyone interested in making a donation can contact him at Cedar Winds,

754-3222.

Alex Bell, spokesperson for the committee, says they were just floored by the unexpected generosity. He was just as surprised when last week the Haliburton County Development Corporation announced it would also give the committee a \$2,000 grant. Shantz says the grant is part of the HCDC's push this year to invest in youth.

Bell says even more good news came when the price of the state-of-the-art equipment they are hoping to purchase for the new park dropped from \$20,000 plus GST to \$19,000 including GST. So far the committee has raised about \$15,000 in pledges.

"By no means are we slowing down. We're holding a Boogie Woogie Barbecue at our place on Lake Kashagawigamog (Happy Tails grooming) as a fund-raiser on July 19," says Bell, explaining they usually have a big barbecue every year but wanted this year to help out the cause.

The committee will also be holding a raffle in conjunction with Health For Life for a top of the line skateboard in early July. Bell says he will be staying in touch with more information about that.



Greg Shantz helps youth with the completion of the ramps a few weeks ago.

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Top: Jeremy Neidens throws his disc. (from left) Alex Ambridge, Shane Dykstra and Cheryl Ripley look on.

Above: Cheryl Ripley attempts a short throw to the fifth hole of the nine hole course during tournament action on Friday, June 13.

Far left: Shane Dykstra focuses on the next hole, lowering himself for a short throw behind a group trees.

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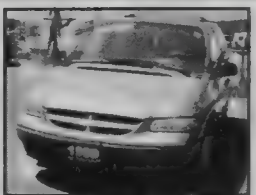
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Haliburton teen has lunch date with a prince

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

What do you talk about with a prince?
Is your crown heavy? How do you keep smiling all the time?

At noon today, Joann Varty is about to find out.

Out of 200 young people who will receive their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award of Achievement today in London, (Ontario), the 18-year-old Lake Kashagawigamog teen is one of four people who've been asked to do lunch with the Queen's youngest son before the ceremonies.

"It will be exciting, definitely," Joann said Sunday as she thought about what she might say.

She may start by reminding him that they met last year when he presented her older sister, Kim, with the same award.

Joann was recommended by her teacher, Traci



Maybe Joann can remind Prince Edward that they've already met before. Joanne, right, is pictured with the Queen's youngest son and Joann's older sister Kim after he presented Kim with her gold Duke of Edinburgh Award last year.

Hubbert, who knew the affable teenager would balance her innate politeness with an ability to keep the conversation flowing.

As Joann says, "they wanted someone who wouldn't give him indigestion."

For the ceremony itself, she will be joined by six other

Highlanders who have completed all the requirements for the award, which was established by Prince Edward's father. They are Jenna Benoit, Meredith Brown, Abby Blythe Hagerman, Amanda Lawlor, Andrew Mansfield, Lesley Pearsell and Kerry Schakelaar.

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National awards echo success at provincial level

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place goes to Martha Perkins for her strong piece on the future of the Frost Centre, 24,000 hectares of forest and lake land that some want left alone while others want protected from encroaching civilization. Perkins got all sides of the debate. She capped it off with a strong editorial. Good job!"

Jamie Woodman designed the award-winning The Best Things in Life are Free ad to promote all of The Echo's auxiliary publications. In point form the judge writes "well written, single-minded, artwork is well done and shows strengths."

For the second-place win in the historical competition, the judge wrote "Maria's Miracle by Martha Perkins was chosen as the second-place winner because of the superb quality of her writing. The story made the reader appreciate the medical industry including the doctor who found a cure for the blue baby illness as well as Maria for sharing her story. The story made the reader think about appreciating life to the fullest."

Darren Lum's stunning photo of two soccer players coming head to head over a ball came second in a highly-competitive category. "The photo captured an event

that happens often during soccer games, but it's more easily performed than photographed. The sharp image showed the emotion, hard work and skill of the sport," the judge says.

Finally, for the third-place finish in Best Coverage of the Arts, the judge says our five submissions "could have easily finished first if the writing was lighter. But Martha Perkins deserves full credit for imaginative layouts and the fact she uses big photographs in a tabloid format. They look great!"

In the Ontario Community Newspaper Association awards earlier in the year, The Echo won an unprecedented four first-place awards, including the best newspaper overall in among all newspapers with a circulation of 3,500 to 6,500. Among all newspapers in Ontario Steve Galea once again came first in the prestigious Best Humour Column category for his columns in The Echo and County Life, Martha Perkins came first in the Rural and Remote Development category for three features and she also came first in the Arts category for her feature on marquetry artist Kevin Dunlop.

The Echo came second for Jamie Woodman's In-House Promotion ad and third for Fall Tour, with stories by Kerry Riley and photos by Len Pizzezy and Darren Lum.

"It's very rare for a single newspaper to win so many awards in the provincial and national competition," says Editor Martha Perkins. "To maintain such high standards year after year requires a partnership between our dedicated staff, the advertisers who recognize the paper's ability to reach out to a large number of readers, and our readers, whose comments, suggestions and support always keeps us on our toes."

The Echo is also very proud of the successes of its sister newspaper, The Minden Times. Of particular honour is the Times' first-place finish in the national Best Newspaper category for newspapers with a circulation under 4,000. This is the first time the Times has been signalled out for such valued recognition and it reflects the hard work and dedication of all its team members.

For newspapers with a circulation under 4,000, The Times also won the following awards: 1st- Best Historical Story by Allison Taylor; 2nd- Best Feature Photo by Darren Lum; 2nd - Best Feature Story by Allison Taylor; and 3rd - Best Photo Feature by Darren Lum.

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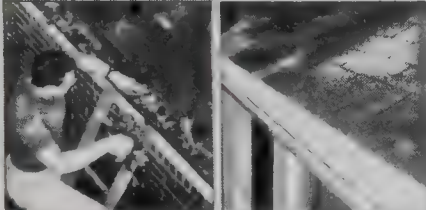
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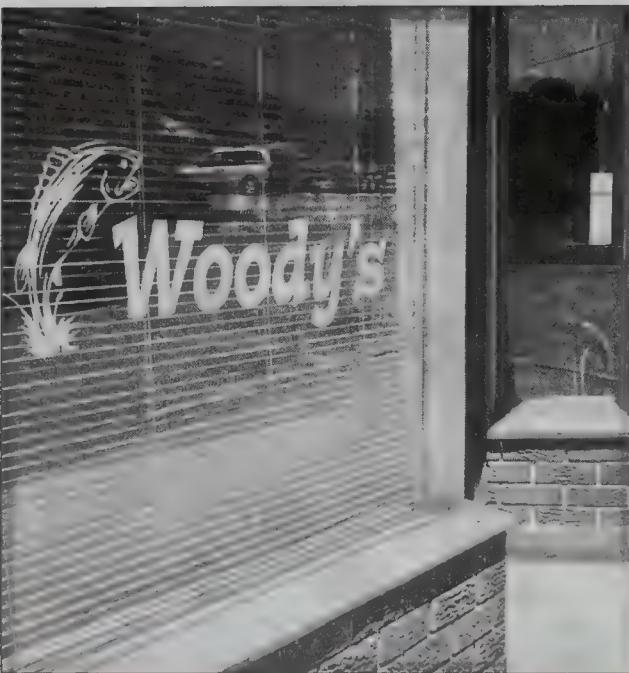
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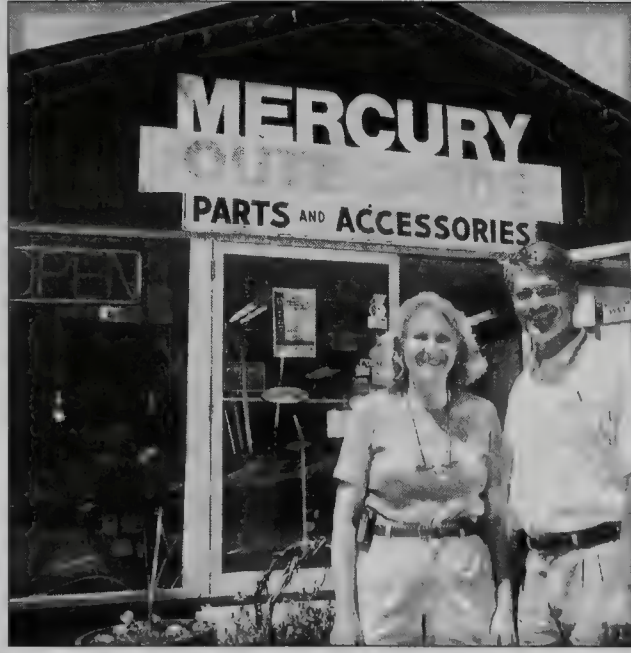
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Highlands East council divided on asphalt plant

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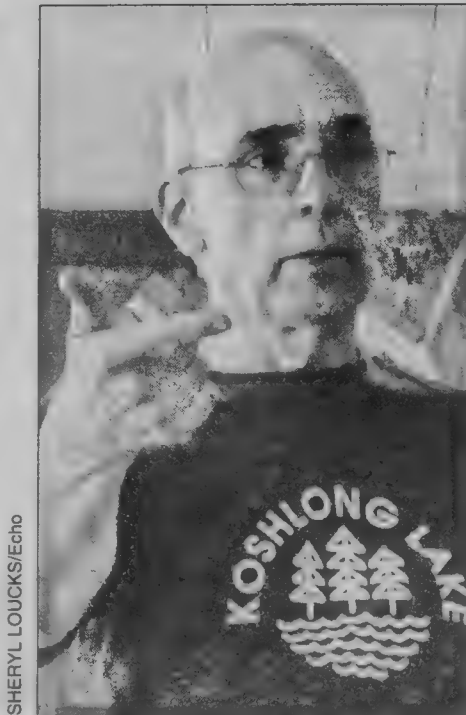
The following are brief accounts from the Koshlong Lake Association's annual general meeting of June 22.

The KLA has voted to send a letter to Highlands East expressing their opposition to the installation of a portable asphalt plant in the Royel Paving Ltd. quarry on County Road 503 near Irondale. The members' concern was largely based on how close the plant would be to cottagers in Bark Bay.

Highlands East Deputy-reeve Chuck Viner, who represents Glamorgan, came to the meeting to discuss what he knew about the proposal. Viner said the council is divided on the issue. He says that although Royel's consultant Clayton Ellis has suggested during a recent council meeting there will be five to six jobs created by adding the new plant, that is not what Ellis told Viner in an earlier meeting. During a tour of the quarry, Viner says, Ellis said there would be no new jobs.

Viner also expressed doubt about the supposed savings when it comes to the municipality purchasing asphalt. He says he has seen no evidence there will be a real cost savings and felt a number of 20 per cent was pulled out of the air.

Dennis Choptiany, KLA president, says he did not think they had enough information to take a stand on the issue. Others disagreed. Terry Corbett, cottager and lake steward, said he grew up near a gravel pit on the Niagara escarpment and in peak seasons there was up to one truck a minute coming in or out.



SHERYL LOUCKS/Echo

Koshlong Lake Association President Dennis Choptiany speaks to cottagers.

Policing

Viner also addressed the issue of policing and how his council is exploring the option of having police from the Bancroft Ontario Provincial Police detachment do the policing of all of Highlands East with the exception of Glamorgan. He said there are currently 3.6 officers from the Minden O.P.P. detachment assigned to the municipality.

Choptiany was concerned about losing any officers from the Minden detachment. He also said the association was pleased with the police services they have received.

Cottagers at the meeting made it clear they were not interested in having any changes to their police services:

Setbacks

There was some confusion over the association's stand on proposed setbacks in Highlands East's draft official plan. One cottager was disappointed the association had decided to adopt a position in opposition to 100-foot setbacks and the near capacity standing of Koshlong Lake without consulting members first.

The cottager argued that if the association succeeded in having the municipality deem the lake not at capacity it may make it easier for someone to develop Crown land. Choptiany said any move to develop Crown land would be vigorously fought against by the association.

The president said the association's position was based on a desire to prevent the clear cutting of frontages and the creation of lawns that often contribute to phosphorus loading of the lake. He added that contrary to earlier coverage of this issue in The Echo, the association did not want the near capacity designation changed as much as it wanted the stringent development setbacks associated with that designation changed.

911 Names

Choptiany informed members there was a small two-week window for them to contact the association about any problems they had with the road names chosen by the 911 committee around Koshlong Lake. The current names, he was told by 911 coordinator, Stephen Foster, will be put on the council table for approval on July 8.

The president warned them the 911 office would only accept names the whole road had agreed on and it was tough to find names not already used elsewhere in the county.

New numbers are also being put in and Choptiany says that although he likes the current numbering system because it helps him to know where a cottage is on the lake, the 911 numbering is a practical system that helps emergency crews know how many meters down a road a home is - making it easier to find.

Haliburton Pool

Steve Heming, YMCA Wanakita's general manager, talked to the association about his work with the Haliburton pool committee. He explained his role on the committee is not as a representative of YMCA, although there may be a possibility of a partnership in the future, but just as an interested citizen.

He talked about the research the committee has done and asked if the association would be willing to see an increase in their taxes of \$5 to \$6 annually to sup-

port the on-going costs of an Olympic-size pool facility that would include a warm therapeutic pool.

The association voted in favour of supporting the pool initiative and would not be opposed to the tax hike for the cost of pool maintenance.

Avoiding bears

Bears have been sighted around Koshlong Lake so cottagers were keen on hearing the advice of Shannon Shepherd, Ministry of Natural Resources bear technician, about how to dissuade bears from hanging around either a cottage or campsite.

Shepherd says bears have an incredible sense of smell so the biggest thing to do is avoid sweet smells - don't leave the remains of a raspberry pie out on a compost pile. She also warned that bears have been known to pull refrigerators and freezers off of decks in an effort to get into them.

The technician says to keep garbage in a very secure container, not just a garden shed, because if a bear can get its paw under the door, even slightly, then it can get into the shed. Heming says they had bears returning to the garbage sites but once they took advice from the MNR and kept garbage in a central container it solved the problem.

Another big warning was not to let dogs attack bears, particularly when hiking, because the dog will likely come running back to the owner with the bear right behind it.

A tip for camping was to hoist not only food but toiletries like sweet smelling soaps, shampoos and toothpaste four metres off the ground.

"Never play dead if a black bear charges you. Remember they eat dead things. Try to look bigger than you are, yell, throw rocks and be aggressive," says Shepherd.

Cottagers asked about what they can do to get rid of bear bait traps they have noticed in the area and Shepherd informed them she would look up the information and get back to them.

OPP Patrol

Choptiany warned the OPP will be patrolling Koshlong and there are stronger zero tolerance policies being enforced this year. The police will be looking for operators of boats under four metres to have a licence and Choptiany says if enough people express an interest the KLA will bring someone in to hold a test. The test can also be done online.

Another important issue is drinking on boats. Choptiany says the police have warned him there will be zero tolerance of alcohol on the water and drinking and driving charges will be as stiff of those for driving cars.

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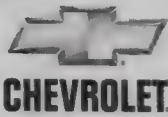
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Debbie Wales' bright smile and fun-loving ways have made her a favourite of students and parents alike

A legacy of joy: Debbie Wales says goodbye to SBES

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

The word "fun" is not usually what first comes to mind when describing a principal unless the principal is Debbie Wales at Stuart Baker Elementary School, and that is why she will be sorely missed when she retires this month.

"She seems to have a way of making everyone feel happy, respected and have fun. One of the things I'll

always treasure is her way of making learning fun and still effective," says Shelley Mierle, a superintendent with the Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

Mierle, now heading up the board's special education department, says Wales was one of the first people she met when she came to the Highlands. Wales describes Mierle as one of her cherished mentors but to hear Mierle, you would think it was the other way around. Mierle expressed her gratitude for being shown the ropes by Wales when she first arrived, who was then working as a

special education consultant and explained to her the history and delivery of special education in the county.

Dale Robinson, also a TLDSB superintendent and former principal, says Wales is an "outstanding educator, energetic and goal oriented." He agreed with Mierle that Wales has fun, knows how to throw a great party and is well known for her antics and hijinks - although he wouldn't spill the beans with any good examples.

He too has relied on her insight to develop curriculum.

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He recalled how in the old county school board they did not have curriculum consultants but Wales showed a lot of leadership amongst principals in helping to forge learning directions for the classroom.

Wales started her career in the county as a physical education teacher at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and splitting her time as a teacher at the J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School. Her first assignment as a principal was at the now closed Dorset Elementary School.

"Dorset was a small school but she wasn't there long before it became one of the best schools for student results," recalled Robinson.

Wales loved working in Dorset and says it was a wonderful place to learn how to be a principal. She had by then already worked at Archie Stouffer Elementary and JDHES for eight years each.

Her switch from high school to elementary came about because she says that in the older grades you teach subjects but at the elementary level you teach kids, her preference.

"This school (Stuart Baker) is such a gift. When I started teaching high school I never thought in a million years I'd be running a primary school," she laughed.

Raised in Grimsby, Wales remembers having one week in Grade 13 to make up her mind about what to study in university and since she loved sports the decision was physical education. Swimming was her sport of choice and she was on the synchronized and varsity speed team.

She met her husband, Grahame Wales, in university and during a tour of Europe the couple discovered a passion for making pottery. He was a natural. She says he learned in a few days what took her a couple of years to learn.

The pair had a dream of moving to the Haliburton Highlands, building a log cabin and making pots. They

'She's made a difference in the whole tone of the school.'

Her joy of life is very apparent'

Karen Phipps

built a small cabin where they lived for five years without running water while building their log cabin home. She remembers how they poured buckets of water over each other and their then three-year-old daughter Jennifer in the place of a shower.

She pursued her career in education while he had a career in the Ministry of Natural Resources. Approximately 12 years ago, he made the switch to becoming a professional potter, their first log cabin is now his studio, Earth and Fire Pottery. She says it has always been her dream to join him, although it might require expanding the studio.

Parents who have worked with her on the School Council say she will be sorely missed. Michelle Cooper, council chair for two years, says Wales has taught her as much as her children.

"I loved [working with Wales]. She's a great person. I've learned a lot from her: how to run a meeting, write formal letters on behalf of the school, how to have a sense of humour about it all. She's taught me the importance of friendship...learned how to be dedicated to the school, community and to yourself and your family," says

Cooper.

When Cooper first joined the council she was surprised to learn about the relaxed side of her children's principal. Cooper says she has appreciated Wales' ability to get the council to look at the big picture and stay open minded. She also noticed the relationships Wales built with her staff and the atmosphere of friendliness it gave the school.

"This is an incredibly nurturing and supportive staff so in tune to kids' needs. Everyone takes care of each other here," says Wales.

Karen Phipps, whose children attend Stuart Baker and who sat on student council, says Wales has deliberately made the school, which she calls the cradle of the community, very welcoming and inviting to the community, be it volunteers, visitors or parents.

"She's made a difference in the whole tone of the school. Her joy of life is very apparent and she has a great laugh. The kids respect her authority and her but it's not out of fear," says Phipps. "She supported the Peace Tree and the social skills of the month. I hope those things will continue after she leaves."

When it comes to thinking about the accomplishments and challenges of her career, Wales ranks the people she has worked with and the kids as the greatest highlight and funding changes as the biggest challenge. She is still worried there are not enough dollars in the system to offer the programs needed to keep kids from falling through the cracks. She did express her confidence, though, in the teachers she is leaving behind who have got a handle now on the new curriculum and requirements.

"It's funny. You get to the end of your career and realize you finally know how to do the job. I love new challenges so that's why it's time to move on," says Wales. "I guess what I've learned is each kid is different. You can't take them for granted and you have to listen to every one's story."



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Wendy Snelgrove took this beautiful picture of her husband Rob and son Josh during one of their early trips to the beach.

REMEMBERING JOSH

by Martha Perkins

ON THURSDAY, May 22, Wendy and Josh Snelgrove had one of those perfect mother-and-son afternoons together.

It was one of Josh's days off from the rigours of learning at Stuart Baker School, where he was just rounding off his year in junior kindergarten. The sun's warmth radiated with the promise of a fun summer ahead and he wanted a new pair of sandals. That called for a shopping expedition in Haliburton.

They had lunch at the Kozy Korner — always a thrill — and as well as his sandals, Josh also got a new super hero toy with the proviso that once they were back home on Barry Line, he would play with it while his mother worked on the garden. What five-year-old could say no to that?

Back at home Josh's dad, Rob, was gearing up for a few busy weeks ahead. He had just got back from a two-week canoe trip with friends and it was now back to business doing contracting and renovation work.

At four o'clock, Josh wanted to exchange his imaginary fun with some real-life adventure. He asked his dad if they could go for a plane ride. Josh, like his older sisters Bethany, Lindsey and Lauren, had been flying with Rob since they were tod-

dlers, and they had all been vying to be the first one to go for a ride now that the plane was back in the Stanhope Airport hangar after a major overhaul of its engine.

Still feeling a bit guilty for being away on the canoe trip, and knowing that a big job was going to keep him very busy for the next few weeks, Rob hesitated only slightly before giving in to Josh's request. It was a beautiful day, he needed to start putting some hours on the revamped engine and flying was one of those magic times he had with his children. Sure, let's go.

Wendy was still in the garden as Josh did his Forrest Gump impersonation as he ran to get into the car. A natural mimic, he loved making everyone laugh by doing Forrest's lopsided gait. But part way to the car, Josh stopped. He turned, looked at his mom and shouted joyfully, "Mom, you're the best mom in the world."

There was something so loving, so spontaneous in the way that Josh said "You're the best mom in the world" that it was Wendy's turn to stop. "Wow," she said to herself. "That was really neat."

It was the last time she saw Josh.

Rob's plane was an Aeronca, a compact two seater that was perfect for their sightseeing trips above the Highlands. It

was five o'clock when he and Josh were ready to take off, Rob belted in at the controls, Josh belted in snugly in the seat behind him.

Seconds after take-off, Rob knew something was wrong. Not 100 metres from the end of the runway, the engine started sputtering. Rob turned the plane to return to the airport but there's a hill at the end of the runway, and he suspects that he got caught in a wind shear. One wing dropped, leaving the other one pointing heavenward. The lower wing stalled.

"I'm pulling up but I'm seeing the trees come towards me," Rob remembers.

The plane didn't make it back to the runway. Part way through the turn, it crashed into a tree, wedging itself in the vee of a branch three metres above the ground.

Rob was momentarily knocked unconscious and when he awoke, from the back seat of the plane he could hear Josh utter three small moans "just like he was stretching." After that, silence.

"I collected my voice and called 'Josh, it's Daddy,' and he didn't respond."

Wendy thought it was strange that Rob didn't do his customary fly-by of the house, waving the plane's wings in greeting. Maybe they had flown in a different

direction. Shrugging it off as an over-reaction, she returned to her gardening.

Unease turned to real anxiety, however, at six o'clock. Rob had said they'd be home by then and still no sign of them. Wendy and the girls decided to have dinner without them.

Whenever a pilot takes off, he must leave a flight plan with someone. That someone was Wendy. Although she knew he was supposed to be back by six, tradition has it that you're supposed to wait two hours before sending out a search team. And so, dutifully, worriedly, she waited.

Time dragged in excruciating slowness. First there was no fly-by, now Rob was late and there were no phone calls of explanation. "It was like the September 11 [2001] feeling times 100. I knew, I just knew something was wrong," Wendy says.

Trying to present a calm exterior to her daughters, Wendy told them that Rob and Josh were probably having such a fun time that they decided to go a bit farther than usual. Luckily, the girls were all really tired and decided to go to bed early. But on her way up the stairs, 13-year-old Bethany paused and, looking at her mother, said "Mommy, something is really, really wrong."

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Crash a testament of a family's strength

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When Rob first awoke after the crash, he was able to muster enough energy to climb onto a wing of the plane but the pain from his injuries quickly knocked him out.

An hour and a half later he woke up.

Thinking Josh might still be alive, even though there was no response to his calls, Rob knew he had to go for help. Night would be falling soon and as soon as it was dark, there'd be little chance of finding his way through the bush. He also knew that given the severity of the crash, Josh would never survive his injuries overnight.

It is almost incomprehensible to imagine how Rob got the strength for what followed. Picture it: Every rib in your chest is broken and you're in a plane that's dangling in a tree, one wing tip pointing towards the ground. Your neck is nothing more than an elastic band and you need to put your hands on each side of your face to keep it upright. Your lungs are filling with liquid so even though you are literally gasping for air, the air you can inhale is providing very little oxygen to your body.

Rob had to transform himself into a real-life super hero.

Before starting to make his way down the wing, Rob made one more attempt to get a response from Josh. Nothing. So, just as he did every night when giving Josh a goodnight kiss, Rob said to him "Daddy loves you and Jesus loves you" and then he began his ordeal.

Rob knew that if he fell it would be game over – forever. He simply couldn't afford to do further damage to his back. Using a pocketknife, he stabbed it into the soft side of the wing and, holding desperately onto it, levering himself down the wing by a centimetre or two. Every time he'd have to pause, collect himself again, stab the wing lower down and continue.

"The pain was unbelievable," he says. "My neck had completely shut down and I collapsed several times."

An hour later, using a tree branch to steady himself for the final few centimetres, he made it to the ground. Now all he had to do was walk to safety.

Rob had to decide between walking down the runway, a long journey, or making his way through the woods to Grass Lake Road where surely someone would be passing by. He chose the road.

Unfortunately, he also chose the wrong direction. After several painful metres, he realized his mistake and had to double back.

Several times he simply wanted to sit down and but he knew that would be fatal. He had to keep going. He had to get help for Josh. "I did it one step at a time."

It was almost nine when he finally made it out onto the road. What he didn't realize was how monstrous he looked to any passerby. His right cheek was ripped open and hanging down and there was dried blood all over his shirt. It was as if a madman had emerged from the darkening forest.

That's why he understands why the woman who first drove by him didn't immediately stop. He waved his arms as best he could and called out but she drove by him for several metres before tentatively coming to a stop. She rolled down her window and he called for her to go for help. "I'm almost begging her," he says.

She leaves.

But at least she had stopped. The next car didn't.

What Rob didn't know, however, was that the woman in the first car had gone to a nearby house to call for help.

At quarter to eight, Wendy couldn't take the worry any more. She knew that she was supposed to wait until eight before appearing as the concerned wife but in her heart she knew something was desperately wrong.

She called her dad, George Grant, and his wife Marion, who live in Eagle Lake, to come to the house to be with the girls. "If anything had happened, I needed the girls to be asleep so I could deal with it," she says. Before leaving,



MARTHA PERKINS/ECHO

With a crabapple tree which neighbours gave them as a memorial to Josh planted behind them, Wendy and Rob Snelgrove and their children, Bethany, Lindsey and Lauren, gather in Josh's Garden.

however, she gave voice to a prayerful plea: "God, give everyone peace tonight."

Wendy drove to the airport where the people there told her not to worry, perhaps just to try to calm their own fears. Wendy followed their advice and drove home.

It was partly out of guilt. When Rob had returned from his two-week canoe trip there had been a bit of ribbing about his escape from chores. Not wanting to appear the nagging wife, Wendy swallowed her concerns. But as soon as she got home, she phoned airport manager John Packer at his house.

Just as she was explaining what had happened, Packer got another call and Wendy was able to hear what was said – a plane had gone down at Stanhope Airport. She instinctively knew it was Rob's.

Convincing other people of that truth wasn't as easy. After driving down the runway – a big no-no – the first police officer she encountered told her not to worry and to go back home. How did she know it was her husband? This time, however, she refused to leave and determinedly made her way towards the flashing lights of the emergency vehicles parked along Grass Lake Road.

When she reached her husband's side, the couple had an almost silent exchange. All Wendy said was "Josh?"

Rob said "Don't go. I don't think he made it."

In her heart, Wendy knew he was right so from that moment on, she focused all of her attention on Rob.

Almost imperceptibly at first, Angela Bilodeau arrived at her side. Angela is one of the volunteers at the airport and she became, for those moments out there at the airport, Wendy's physical and emotional foundation, literally

holding her up when Wendy's knees felt like giving way.

Meanwhile, emergency personnel were going in and out of the woods. As soon as they saw Wendy, they'd avert their eyes, not wanting to give her even silent confirmation of what she feared. Following the rules, they wouldn't tell her how Josh was. Finally, she had to beg one of them to let her know what the forest was hiding from her. Out of compassion, the man told her that her son had no vital signs.

"After the shock of that, after I knew what I already knew, my focus was back on Rob," Wendy says.

Angela drove her home and just as they arrived, a police car pulled into the driveway. Wendy knew what the officer was going to say and she was so grateful it was Shawn Hawley. "I knew he was a father with his own beautiful children," she says. "He just walked up to me and told me and gave me a big hug. I think I collapsed because then it was final. There was no more hope."

Just as Rob was able to muster the strength to conquer his pain, Wendy knew that she could not give in to the waves of agony which were threatening to pull her under. She went into the house, told her father what had happened and then called family friends, Janet and Norm Bottum, who is a local doctor.

"I knew for Rob that seeing Norm's face at the hospital would be a calming influence," Wendy says. True enough, "When Rob saw Norm it gave him the ability to let go and give up his total care."

By 11 that night, Rob was strapped into a helicopter that whisked him to Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in Toronto. He remembers nothing of the journey.

Community's response was 'unbelievable, incredible'

At the Haliburton Hospital, Const. Sandy Adams, whose daughter played with Josh, came up to Wendy. Wendy says "She said some of the most important words to me: 'Wendy, I am going right now to be with Josh until he's taken out of the airplane, just so someone is with him.'"

"Give him a hug and kiss for me," Wendy cried.

Now it was time for the grieving to begin. Angela Bilodeau drove her home shortly after midnight. The Grants left and as Wendy walked up the stairs to the bedrooms, she debated whether to wake the girls.

"When I walked past Bethany's room, I realized I needed to respect her as a fully functioning human being," Wendy says. Bethany had the right to find out right away.

Wendy woke her up, brought her into Wendy and Rob's bedroom and told her the news. They were together, crying, when Lindsey walked in and asked what was the matter. They told her and there were three on the bed.

Lauren, the youngest, has a personality just like Josh's - bubbling with joy. When she woke up and found everyone awake in the middle of the night, she thought it was some sort of adventure. But soon she too was on the bed.

"It's just total shock," Wendy says. "We just all lay in bed together until morning. We prayed. And there's a song I sang to my sister as she was dying - 'He is our peace, cast all your cares on Him because He cares for you.' I taught it to the girls that night."

At 3:30 in the morning, there was a knock on the door. It was Const. Adams.

Because all plane crashes must be inspected by aviation officials from Ottawa, Josh's body could not be removed until the inspectors had arrived. She had stayed with Josh the entire time, leaving only to tell Wendy that he was now at the funeral home.

"She was just so composed," Wendy remembers. "She said 'You can ask me anything.' She brought his sandals. I don't know how she did it. It was awesome of her."

As dawn brought with it the inconceivable news that a beautiful day could begin without Josh, Wendy had a shower to brace herself.

"I believe it's wrong to try to keep Josh around but I prayed that if I could hear one sentence, God, just one sentence..."

And that's when, in a moment of clarity, she knew "that he'd been saying 'Hey, Mom, it's awesome up here.' It was just there and gone."

She dreaded what came next, the public part of her grieving. "I wished I could just live in the city and crawl into a hole, just to be private. I thought I didn't need anybody, just leave me alone."

Alone she wasn't. At 7:30 Friday morning, the first friend arrived. That day, 53 people would make their way to the Snelgrove house to offer their support, their comfort, their arms. Wendy was so glad the entrance to her emotional hole had been closed up.

"It was an overwhelming sense of people just holding you up - emotionally, physically, spiritually," she says of that day and the days that followed. "That's when I thought 'I can handle this.'"

Except for the fact that Rob has not yet put any doors on the bedrooms or bathrooms - at least there are kitchen cupboards, he'd say - the Snelgroves have one of those quintessential backroad houses, a house that welcomes and nurtures, a physical container of a family's love.

It's three weeks later. (The Snelgroves' sentences trail off every time they refer to "when it happened...") From the oven comes the delicious aroma of a pasta dish, one of the many meals brought by friends and neighbours. In fact, Wendy hasn't had to cook since the accident.

Rob is incredibly glad to be home. An ambulance brought him to Josh's funeral but he was in no shape to stay. Today he wears a brace that was cast to encase his chest. ("I have my real-life Ken doll," Wendy smiles at his new physique.) If all goes well, after three months he'll

have a 70 per cent chance of avoiding back surgery.

In a house of great sadness, there is also an amazing grace. Death of a child changes you and the dynamics of a family forever, but by confronting their pain head on, absorbing it, accepting it, the Snelgroves' spirits have somehow expanded.

"This is horrible," Wendy says bluntly, "and to pretend it will be anything different, you're depriving yourself of feeling it."

Josh had been such a vital force in their lives. An actor, imp, fastidious dresser, charmer and adored little man. "He was just the joy of our day."

He was, all on his own, a deeply faithful young boy with four favourite questions: When's my birthday? When's Christmas? What is heaven like? If Jesus is real, can we go see him?

A week before he died, Josh asked his mother if they could go tomorrow to see Jesus. Today she says, "I have to believe that Josh's desire was so strong that the Lord gave him the desire of his heart and he's where he wants to be."

They don't, however, try to find a reason for Josh's death. The plane stalled because fuel wasn't getting to its engine. "There is no blame," Wendy says.

"God did not do this on purpose," she says. "Why did it happen? Who are we to question - it's what you do with what you're given. No one's going to say, 'These are really good people so this shouldn't have happened to them.'"

Rob says there's the perfect will of God and the permissive will of God. With perfect will, all would go as God wants. With permissive will, it's what He will allow.

"I don't question it," Rob says. "God is just infinitely capable of making lemonade out of lemons. Josh didn't suffer and so many other things could have happened. But we miss Josh incredibly deeply."

"There's no 'It's going to get better,'" Wendy says. "The reality is that Josh will never walk through that door. That part of our lives will never get better. We still have three amazing children and an awesome life but it's like an amputation."

Eight-year-old Lauren feels the loss acutely. She was the closest in age and temperament to Josh. When her two older sisters come home from school, they like to read. Lauren wants someone to make believe with.

Amazingly, when she dreams of Josh it's not of Josh at home, but Josh in heaven. It's like she's already made the deep emotional connection with his death.

In one of her dreams, Lauren, Josh and Jesus are walking together. Jesus is wearing a crown and holding another one. Just like Lauren and Josh were competing to see who would be the first to fly with their dad after the plane's engine was overhauled, there's a sense of competition between them when Jesus asks which one of them should get the second crown. He gives it to Josh.

In another dream, she's visiting Josh in heaven and he runs up to her carrying a big scroll. With a "ta da" flourish, he unrolls it. It's a map of heaven and the two of them spend the day playing hide and seek.

A week after the crash, Lauren's heart was set on being a Young Eagle at the Stanhope Airport. Wendy couldn't bear the process of helping Lauren into the plane so she asked Janet Bottum to come along.

Wendy says "I'm sitting in the parking lot, hanging on to the car for dear life, and then I thought the plane's in perfect condition, the pilot has years of experience and although accidents can still happen, what is the fear?"

"Lauren got out of the plane and it's this look of 'I just conquered the sky.' I saw the look and I thought 'Oh God, another Rob.' But the fear is gone. I don't know what the future holds but I know that if I can handle this, I can handle anything."

There are things that give her peace. She knows Josh died almost instantly. She knows that in his brief life he did everything he wanted to, including choose his bride (Megan Bottum, whom he was besotted with) and fulfill a dream of going kayaking. "He had a great childhood."

Wendy grew up in a Mennonite home and she could never really understand that part in the Bible that describes "the peace that passes all understanding and the joy that is unspeakable." Now she does.

"I feel like this package of incredible pain and incredible peace. This is the most pain I've felt in my life but there's this overwhelming peace that everything will be all right."

The Snelgroves had asked *The Echo* for a visit to try to find some way of saying thanks to their family, their friends and everyone in the community who has been so supportive over the last few weeks.

There was Janet Bottum, who did all those horrible jobs Wendy couldn't bear, such as picking out Josh's coffin. Kristi Gammon came to finish Josh's garden, a heart-shaped patch of flowers surrounding a tree, given to the family by neighbours as a memorial to Josh. Allison Perecko drove Wendy and the girls to Toronto to visit Rob and she just let them feel and say whatever they wanted. Little Gordie Fraser climbed onto Wendy's knee, just like Josh did, the first Sunday Wendy was back at church so Wendy didn't have to cope with an empty lap.

Their families were incredibly strong as they too dealt with such a grievous loss. Her mom, Pat Pate, and sister fielded phone calls at the house. They helped plan the funeral so it would be a celebration of the gift of Josh's life, picking the music, arranging the band.

There were all the people who made donations to the Josh Fund, which will allow the Snelgroves not to worry about finances in the months Rob can't work. (Anything left over will be donated to a children's charity.)

Wendy says "My first response was 'We're okay, we don't need this'. It's embarrassing; it's like your whole family becomes this open book of need. But that's a pride that doesn't exist any more."

Rob says the support has been "unbelievable, incredible. I can't get over the sense of community, that so many people care so deeply."

The girls have been uplifted by their friends, too. Going back to school was difficult, but their friends and teachers made it so much easier for them. There were the "I'm sorry about your brother" comments, but also dancing and letting them be kids, not just sisters who had lost their younger brother.

"At home there was nothing to do and everyone was just hugging and crying and I just needed to get away from it," says Lindsey.

"Thank you to Mrs. Bain," Lauren says of her Grade 3 teacher. "She's always asking me if I feel okay and gives me lots of hugs. And thank you to my principal because she said whenever I'm sad I can come to the office and sit down and have some quiet time."

Just before the visit comes to an end, the girls bring their guest up to Josh's bedroom. There are planes everywhere. He fell asleep snuggled in a blanket stitched with planes. He woke up to see planes flying overhead, stuck to the ceiling. Where there aren't planes, including the yellow plastic one which adorned his coffin, there are super heroes. The only thing missing is Josh's favourite stuffed bear, which was buried with him.

As the girls point out each item in the room, it leads to stories about Josh. Funny little anecdotes that fill the room with his spirit. The girls have taken turns sleeping in the room to keep it as a living space, not a shrine to a lost boy.

"We'll repaint this room when we're ready," Wendy says.

One of Josh's all-time favourite movies was *Alaska*. In it, there's a plane crash and a brave rescue. Josh would watch the crash scene over and over again and say "That's what I'm going to do some day, I'm going to save Daddy."

As Lauren told the 400 people at the funeral, Josh did save his dad. Without Rob's overwhelming desire to get help for Josh, without the love between father and son, two people could have died in that accident.

"Good job, Josh."

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Canada World Youth, a 33-year-old organization, is sponsoring a youth exchange with Kenya and Tanzania. This new trilateral exchange will take place in Haliburton this fall.

Haliburton will host a group of 18 youth (six Canadians, six Kenyans, and 6 Tanzanians) from September to December, 2003 (approximately 12 weeks). A young Canadian is matched with a young Kenyan or Tanzanian (in some cases, a Kenyan and Tanzanian will be paired together) and each pair of counterparts lives with a host family and volunteers with community work projects.

CWY will need nine hosts (retirees, young families, singles, single parents, etc.) who are willing to take participants into their homes for approximately 12 weeks. To help defray costs, CWY pays \$70 per participant per week. CWY feels that family life offers participants the best opportunity to learn about the customs and lifestyles in Ontario.

If you are interested in getting involved in any way with the Kenyan/Tanzanian exchange please call Janet Doner (705) 455-9232, Email: jdoner@cw-y-jcm.org



REQUEST FOR TENDER FOR THE CONCRETE FORMING OF THE CFI TERRACED WETLAND SET FOR THE FROST CAMPUS, LINDSAY, ONTARIO

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Tender Documents and Specifications will be available from:

SIR SANDFORD FLEMING COLLEGE
Purchasing Department
599 Brealey Drive, Rm. 423
Peterborough, Ontario
K9J 7B1

OR
AT THE MANDATORY SITE VISITATION

Sealed Tenders will be accepted only at the Purchasing Office, Sir Sandford Fleming College, Room 423, Brealey Building, 599 Brealey Drive, Peterborough, Ontario no later than 9:30 a.m. local time, Tuesday, July 15, 2003.

The tenders will be publicly opened at 9:35 a.m. Tuesday, July 15, 2003 in the Paul Scholfield Boardroom 5920, Sutherland Campus, 599 Brealey Drive, Peterborough, Ontario K9J 7B1.

All interested parties are asked to attend a **MANDATORY INFORMATION SESSION** for Friday, June 27, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. in the Boardroom 101A, Frost Campus, 200 Albert Street, Peterborough, Ontario.
Tenders will only be accepted from those in attendance at the Information Session.

THE LOWEST OR ANY TENDER SUBMITTED WILL NOT NECESSARILY BE ACCEPTED.
FAX SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

For further information, please contact Sandy Lawrence, C.P.P., Director of Purchasing (705) 749-5554 or Mike Signorotti, Frost Facilities Manager (705) 749-5530 ext. 3308.

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Family Services of Haliburton County Request for Tender for

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For tender documents and site visits contact Glenn Evans, Cedar Winds, 705 754-3222

Award of contract subject to Building Committee approval.
The lowest or any tender submitted will not necessarily be accepted.

NOTICE

(applicant - MEERVELD)

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD ALONG THE SHORE OF MINNIECOCK LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on Tuesday, the 8th day of July 2003, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 32, Concession 15, Township of Glamorgan, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 1 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Jeffrey E. Buisman, O.L.S., dated April 24, 2003.

The Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 24th day of June, 2003.

SHARON STOUGHTON-CRAIG
CAO/CLERK-TREASURER
Box 295
Wilberforce, Ontario K0L 3C0

NOTICE

(applicant - HEYES)

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Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 34, Concession 12, Township of Glamorgan, County of Haliburton, shown as Parts 4 and 5 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by H. Curry Bishop, dated July 30, 2002. (Part 5 being the flooded portion to be retained by the Municipality of Highlands East).

The Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

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NOTICE

(applicant - NEUFELD)

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD ALONG THE SHORE OF KOSHLONG LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on Tuesday, the 8th day of July 2003, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of Lot 12, Concession 15 designated as Road Allowance on Crown Land Survey attached to Inst. 15156 being Part 2 on Plan 19R-7580 and part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 12, Concession 15, Township of Glamorgan, County of Haliburton, being Parts 3, 4 and 5 on Plan 19R-7580 (Part 4 being the flooded portion to be retained by the Municipality of Highlands East).

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ROOFING TENDERS

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The scope of work generally includes the preparation of the existing roof structures and the installation of new, single ply PVC Roofing Systems complete with related flashings and vents.

Tender forms and specifications may be obtained from the Central Services Office, 1281 Cedar Lane, Bracebridge after June 20, 2003.

Mandatory site meetings will be held for all Contractors on **July 2, 2003** being at the Bracebridge Board Office at 9:00 a.m. local time.

Contact person: D.W. Steele, P.Eng., Area Plant Manager;
Telephone 705-645-7765
Fax 705-645-6605

A 5% Bid Bond must accompany the tender submission.
A 100% labour and material Performance Bond will be required.

Tenders shall be hand delivered in a sealed envelope to the attention of:
D.W. Steele, P.Eng.,
Area Plant Manager,
Trillium Lakelands District School Board,
Cedar Lane Central Services Facility,
1281 Cedar Lane,
Bracebridge, Ontario.

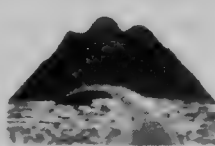
no later than **10:00 a.m., local time, July 9, 2003**

Trillium Lakelands District School Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all submissions at its sole discretion.

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Project: New Municipal Administration Office

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Sealed tenders clearly marked in an envelope will be received up to 4:00 p.m. local time Wednesday, June 25th, 2003 Attention G. M. Morrison CAO/Clerk

THE COUNTY OF HALIBURTON
Tender for Contract
No. 03-3131

COUNTY ROAD 121 & COUNTY ROAD 1 RECONSTRUCTION

Sealed Tenders plainly marked as to content will be received by the County of Haliburton Roads Department, 3 Saint Germaine Street, Minden, Ontario until 12:00 Noon Local Time, Thursday, July 3, 2003 for road reconstruction on County Road 121 and County Road 1 in the Village of Haliburton.

Plans and specifications are available and must be obtained from the office of the Consulting Engineer, 452 Charlotte Street, Peterborough, Ontario upon payment of \$50.00 which is non-refundable. Included with the Specifications is a tender form which must be used.

A tender deposit not less than the amount specified in the Information for Tenderers must accompany each tender.

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Concrete Curb and Gutter	-	280m
Concrete Sidewalk	-	395m ²

This contract also includes the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of County Road 121 and County Road 1.

Tenders will be reviewed as to the lowest price, qualifications, capabilities and experience of the contractor. The work is subject to the availability of funds by the Municipality to complete the work.

Mr. Roy Haig, CET
Manager, Engineering Services
County of Haliburton
3 Saint Germaine Street,
Box 880
Minden, Ontario
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

• DATE:

Wednesday, July 9th, 2003.

• TIME:

11:00 am.

• LOCATION:

Council Chambers, Municipal Office, Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-03-014 – Jones

- Purpose and Effect: to recognize the location of an existing seasonal dwelling.
- Reduce the required west side building setback from 14.76 feet to 11.5 feet.
- Location: Part Lot 21, Concession 1, Havelock Township (Breckles Drive, - Little Redstone Lake)

2. D13-MV-03-015 – Sadlier

- Purpose and Effect: to recognize the location of an existing seasonal dwelling.
- Reduce the Water Setback from 65.7 feet to 47.5 feet to the high water mark of Kennisis Lake.
- Location: Part Lot 15, Concession 4, Lot 21, Plan 19R-3073, Havelock Township (North Kennisis Drive – Kennisis Lake)
- Note: this building was constructed in 1978.

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing in person to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by Counsel for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept written submissions. A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the setbacks affected by each application, is available from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Date: June 23rd, 2003

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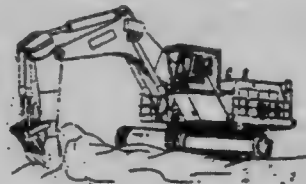
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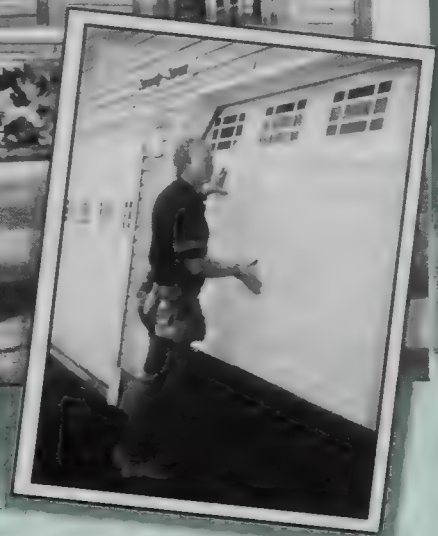
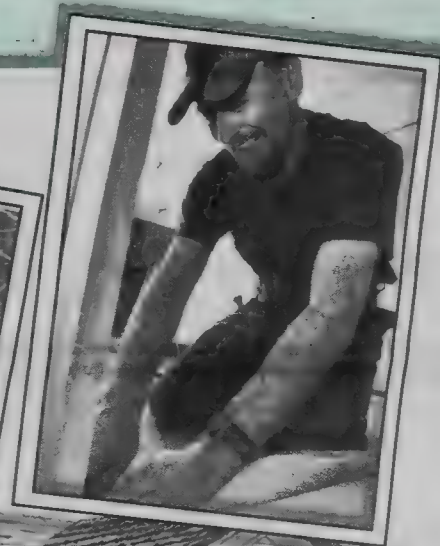
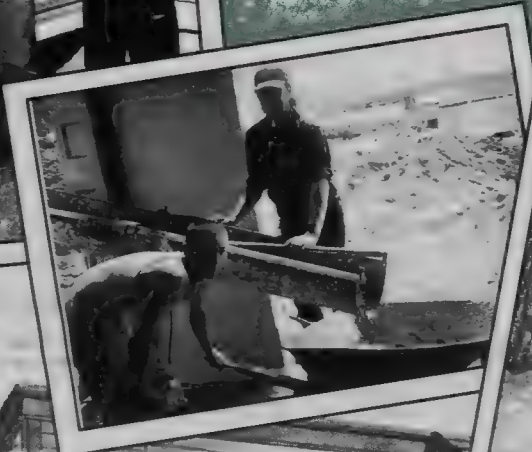
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Do it yourself?

It's not a good idea, here's why

Building a new home or cottage is usually the largest investment most people make in a lifetime. If you are considering sub-contracting your new home yourself, there are several important areas you should carefully consider before proceeding.

The most obvious reason most people chose to sub-contract the construction of their own house is cost. It is a widespread myth that builders add excessive profits to the sub-total of the home costs. Many people believe they can avoid paying the extra charges on the bottom line by building the home themselves. However, this assumes that both the novice builder and the professional builder have the same net job costs. This is not the case.

The sub-trades, material suppliers, and other workers will quote better prices to organized professional builders. The more work and multiple jobs the builder does, the better the price quote. The professional builder's net cost will always be lower. Plus, in today's highly competitive economy,

you might be pleasantly surprised to find that it will cost little more to have your home built by professionals.

There are a number of other factors to consider if you are thinking about acting as a contractor for your new home or cottage.

A major issue is warranty. You have no warranty on a job you sub-contract yourself. How can you justify purchasing your biggest investment for your family and yourself with little or no warranty protection? Professional builders registered under the Ontario New Home Warranty Program offer exclusive warranty coverage on enrolled homes for your piece of mind. Why not use them?

Dealing with sub-contractors is an art in itself. How can a novice builder enforce proper scheduling? A professional builder knows the ropes. The building permit can be obtained sooner and sub-trades show up on time. The adage "time is money" is true, and you will save both with a professional builder.

What criteria will you use to hire sub-contractors? Are you protected if they don't show up? What guarantee do you have they will show up to do repairs after they are paid? Novices do not have the same influence or clout with contractors that professional builders wield. Plus, professional builders use sub-trades that do the job right the first time and do it on schedule.

There are other financial issues such as job costing to consider. When building your own home or cottage, it is unlikely that you will have the final completed price guaranteed in writing before starting construction. How will you handle cost over-runs? Remember, with a professional builder, you sign a fixed price contract in advance and any cost over-runs are the builder's problem, not yours. In addition, the process of financing your home is much easier and quicker using a professional builder with a fixed price contract.

Building your own cottage also involves a strong knowledge of the Ontario Building Code. As new home

technology has developed, the building code has become increasingly complex. In fact, the building code has become so intricate that even professional builders meet regularly to discuss building code issues and concerns.

There are also a large number of legal and liability issues to consider - more than can be discussed in this column. But note that a professional builder has the legal and construction knowledge to prepare proper contracts outlining all aspects of the work and the costs. And with a professional builder, liability and insurance issues are usually the builder's problem, not yours.

If you feel that you have the experience to plan, contract and supervise construction for five or six months, you might want to give it a try. However, the warning is "be wise and carefully compare all your options first." Most people, after building their own home say "Boy, I sure learned a lot." Well, do you really want to be learning as you go with the largest financial investment of your life?

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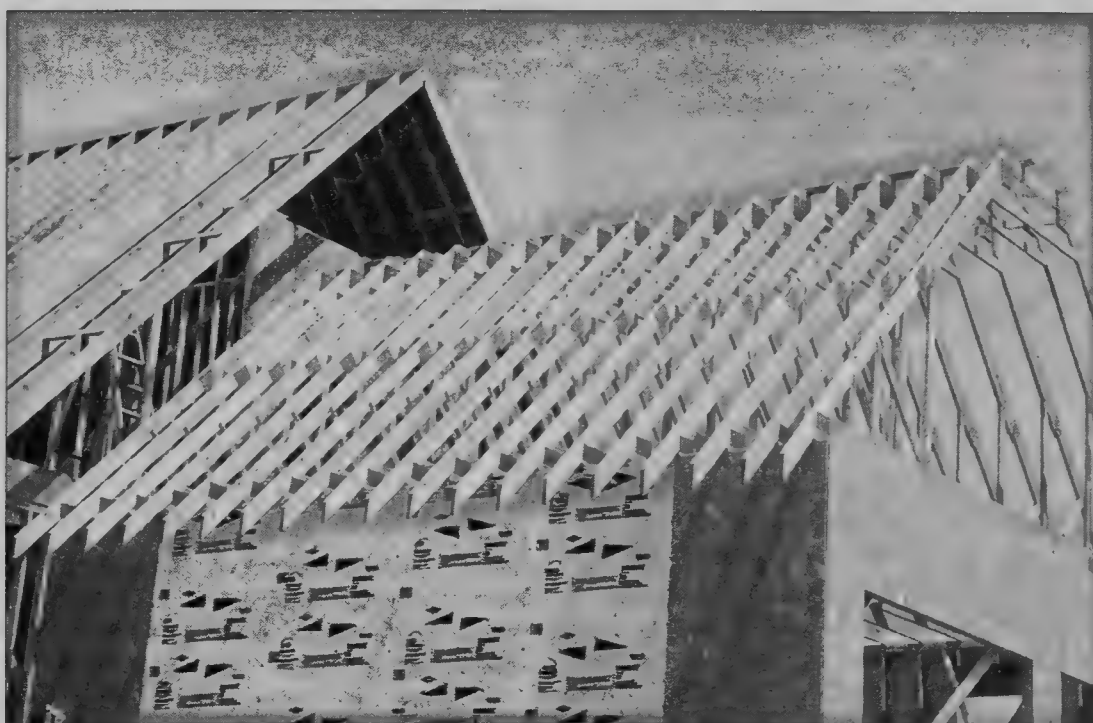
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Many new home and cottage buyers want to be closely involved throughout the building of their dream -- visiting the construction site from time to time with the builder to see how the home is coming along and to plan for move-in day. However, many buyers do not realize that they are just one of many people checking their home as it goes up.

From plans to completion, there are a number of different people and organizations involved in checking a new home or cottage to ensure that it is safe and sound, that it is built according to plan and that the buyer gets the quality and value they expect. This group includes municipal officials, utility inspectors and, of course, the builder's construction crews, foremen, superintendent and management.

It begins with the municipal government which reviews the builder's plans and drawings to ensure that the house



will meet the standards set out in the Building Code. Building officials look at such things as framing, the foundation, ventilation, exits, fire performance and materials.

The plans are checked to make sure they comply with relevant provincial and municipal regulations such as zoning and set-backs (the distance of the dwelling from the property lines, and

from the water in the case of lakefront structures. Once plans are approved, the builder is issued a building permit and construction of the new home or cottage can begin.

During construction, a municipal official typically inspects the building site at several stages to ensure that the builder is following the plans that were approved. The number of inspections can vary greatly from one municipality to another, but typically they include some or all of these milestones: foundation, before earth is back-filled; framing; insulation; final interior, after drywalling to check stairs, handrails, guards and fire detectors; and final exterior, after grading to check caulking, exits, stairs and so on.

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Professional renovation contractors work with a written contract—it is part and parcel of doing things right. A contract ensures that you and your renovator are agreeing to the same thing and outlines the responsibilities of each party. Just as important, it verifies the contractor's liability insurance and workers' compensation coverage. If a renovator does not want to provide a written contract, it should raise some serious doubts for you about the person's professionalism and commitment to customer protection.

The complexity of the contract will vary according to the scale of your project, but most contracts will contain the standard information outlined below. If you have any concerns or questions about the contract, make sure to discuss them with your professional renovator. Once all the details are settled, read the final contract over carefully before you sign it. You may also want to ask your lawyer to review it first.

- **The parties to the contract** (i.e., you and the renovation contractor), including street addresses and telephone numbers.
- **The contract documents** (a list of all documents that make up the contract):
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 - Drawings/blueprints/plans
 - Specifications: description of work and a precise list of materials and products (types, brands, grades, thickness, colour, model)
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- **Description of work** to be done by the renovator, and also work not to be done under the contract, or to be done by you or others outside the

- **Start and completion dates** often includes a statement about which dates are firm, which dates may be subject to circumstances beyond

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Contract provides assurance

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- **Terms of payment** set out the total amount of the contract and a payment schedule: deposit upon signing the contract; how and when the remainder will be paid (at regular intervals or specific milestones), and the treatment of taxes.
- **Holdbacks** are a provincial legislative requirement that protects you against subcontractors who may place a lien on your property in the event of non-payment by the renovation contractor. On each payment you make to your renovator, you must hold back a certain percentage for a specified time.
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- **Allowances** refer to a lump sum in the contract price, allocated for items to be selected by the homeowners themselves, such as flooring, fixtures or cabinets.
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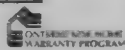


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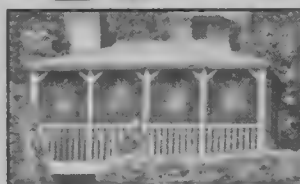
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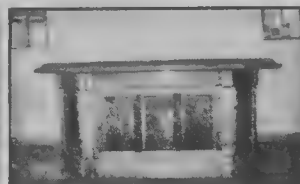
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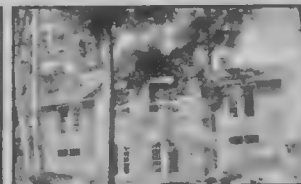
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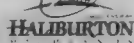


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- **June 24: Crafters Club**, 1 p.m. at the Norland Library. For info. call 454-9646.
- **June 24: Alzheimer Society Support Groups** Haliburton. Haliburton, Tues. June 24, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Alzheimer Office. Adult Child Group. Please contact Janet Bottum, in Haliburton 457-8335.
- **June 25: Join Home Support for Wheels to Meals** at Kei's in Haliburton. To make your reservations call Ida at 457-2941.
- **June 26: Pot Luck Dinner and Games Night for Ladies On the Go (LOGS)**, June 26th at the Sunny Rock Bed & Breakfast. Dinner is at 7 p.m. Participants are asked to bring pot luck quantity for six and a slightly experienced prize for the prize table and their playful spirit. Call Sally to RSVP 286-4922.
- **June 27: Join Home Support for Wheels to Meals at Martin Wood Fine Dining** in Harcourt. This luncheon begins at 12 noon. Please call Ida to make your reservations 457-2941.
- **June 28: Eagle Lake Community Church Yard & Bake Sale** - June 28 at 10 a.m. till 12 noon. Lots of Rhubarb Pies.
- **June 28: The residents of Extendicare** are holding their annual Wheelchair Rally to raise money for Alzheimer research, and the Proud Pioneers of Extendicare on Sat., June 28 at 10 a.m. If you wish to contribute or to assist call Barbara J. Menzies, 457-1722.
- **June 28: Strawberry Dinner** - Maple Lake United Church, Hwy. #118 & Airport Rd. Saturday, 3 sittings, 4:30, 5:45 and 7:00 p.m. Adults \$12., Children under 12 \$6. Preschoolers free. For tickets call Grenville 754-4514 or Marnie at 754-9698.
- **June 28: Strawberry Supper** - Wilberforce United Church hosts this event at the Lloyd Watson Centre, Wilberforce, 5 to 7 p.m. (Doors open at 4:30 p.m.). Adults \$9., Children (6-10) \$4., Preschool free. Call 448-3380.
- **June 28: Order of the Eastern Star**, Highland Chapter \$230 OES - Annual Strawberry Supper, Sat., June 28th, 5 - 7 p.m. Tickets at the door, Adults \$10., Children 12 and under \$5., Preschool free. Held at Haliburton United Church (corner of Pine St. and George St.) Everyone Welcome.
- **June 29: Eagle Lake Church Yard & Bake Sale** - rhubarb pies. 10 a.m. until 12 p.m.
- **June 29: 16th Annual Arts and Craft Sale and Fund Raiser**, Sun., June 29, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Upper Stoney Lake Pavilion, Crowe's Landing. Free admission and parking. Refreshments avail.
- **June 30: Register begins for the TD Summer Reading Club** "20,000 Reads under the Sea". Available at all City Library Branches.

ON-GOING EVENTS

- **The Ontario Early Years Centre (Minden)** - Every Thursday at 11 a.m. drop in for music, games, stories and crafts. Call 286-1770 for info.
- **Home Support is currently taking bookings for three upcoming trips.** We are going to the 1000 Islands on a boat Cruise on July 8th, we are off to Orillia for a tribute to Vera Lynn on October 6th, and we are going for an overnight to Stratford and St. Jacobs leaving Haliburton on November 5.
- **Home Support is in need of Golfers** for their upcoming Golf Tournament on June 17. To register for this fundraiser, please call Roxanne Casey or Gord Monk at 457-2941. All proceeds raised will go directly towards providing services to seniors 55+ and physically disabled adults.
- **Free Prenatal classes.** Call early in pregnancies to register, 457-1391.
- **Haliburton County Home Support has an ongoing Treasure Table** in the Drop in Centre. Drop by with your change and check out our table. We appreciate any donations towards our table. For info. call 457-2941.
- **Farmers' Market - Kinmount.** Fri. 1-5 p.m.; Minden (McMahon Feed Store) Sat. 9-1. Contact Jean Tyler, 457-2214.
- **Mon. to Thurs., 9:30 to 2 p.m. at the Ontario Early Years Centre, CHACE Haliburton** for singing, stories, crafts and more. Call 457-2989 to see what adventures in learning we have this month.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editorial@haliburtonecho.on.ca., or brought in to the office. **Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.**

NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events and in the Highlands.

Museum to host celebration of Canada Day in Wilberforce

Summer is upon us and with summer comes many interesting events and activities to enjoy.

With ripening strawberries where better to taste them fully than at the Wilberforce United Church's Annual Strawberry Supper. It's this Saturday, June 28 at the Lloyd Watson Centre from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults \$9., Children 6 to 10 \$4., Young ones free.

On July 1st of course it's time to wave the flag and celebrate Canada Day. Our country will be 136 next Tuesday. So drop by the Outpost Museum at 11:30 for flag raising by Legion members, songs by the Gentlemen of Song, then eat cake by the lake. Sandwich plates will be available at a nominal cost. Join with the Wilberforce Heritage members, supporters, friends and neighbours in Thanksgiving for this great land of ours.

Yard sales are appearing too. Among those to be held Saturday, June 28 is one at St. Margaret's Anglican Church right on Cty. Rd. 648 in Wilberforce.

A few weeks ago on May 11 Amanda Manning, daughter of John Manning and Julie Bowen, was christened at the Wilberforce United Church by the Rev. Bob Weight.

The Outpost Museum opens for the summer on Saturday, June 28. Drop in opening day for a coffee/cookie, or any day until Labour Day, Saturday between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The Black Fly Repeater Association is a group of radio amateurs (hams) who are both seasonal and permanent residents in the area. They, according to Stan Leschinsky, club secretary, "talk to each other using a VHF repeater in the Wilberforce area. A repeater takes a small signal and re-transmits it at higher power from a large commercial tower. The repeater can also be linked to other repeaters for even greater coverage. The repeater has battery back-up making it useful in times of emergency communication."

The Black Fly Repeater Association will hold its Annual General Meeting at 10:00 a.m. Sat., July 5, at the Lloyd Watson Centre with a BBQ following in the adjacent park. Though these ham radio people certainly help out in emergencies, they mainly just have a good time communicating with local hams in the area. Stan's summer number is 754-3101 if you have an interest in ham radio or a question about

community news

wilberforce

Hilda Clark

448-2018

Community will miss Paul & Linda Benson

This column wishes to say its own farewell to Paul Benson and his wife Linda for their years of service and participation within the community. With thanks also to Linda for her support and musicianship in all the LIFT programs. We will miss them.

The restaurant at Lakeside Golf Course has expanded over

the past weeks to include a deck area which is often the choice of their patrons in this lovely weather.

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Eleanor Cooper

754-2388

Rick and Eleanor (Sisson) Poole of Woodstock were guests of Eleanor's sister, Erma Sisson, last week on their return visit from Winnipeg and Thunder Bay where they visited Evelyn (Cooper) Bradley.

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CANADA DAY 2003

FESTIVITIES

Tuesday, July 1st, 2003

7:00 a.m. Rock Bass Family Derby (max 4 per group) – NOTE: weigh in at Main Street Bridge
12:00 noon – prizes

10:30 – 12:00 Crazy River Raft Race registration – Registration 10:30 and Race at 12:30
Registration – Horseshoe Tournament behind the Dominion Hotel (Jerry Cooper for details)
Back Forty Music Man – Gord Bartley, D.J. next to stage in front of Minden Autocare
Highlands Time Travellers CLASSIC CARS – along the Gull River – South Water Street
Rotary Club will begin handing out balloons
Displays along the Gull River
Firefighters display and refreshments – by the Firehall on Prince Street
Opening Ceremonies, Colour Party, Bagpiper (Fraser MacDonald) etc. – 12:00 noon

11:00 – 3:00 Opening Ceremonies held at Minden Autocare
Delivery of extra large Canada Day cake donated by Rachel's Bakery to downtown – for 12 noon – Lions Club and Rotary Club BBQ begins
Children's Games begin – sponsored by local businesses
Children's Bicycle Parade – 1, 2, 3 prizes – skateboards and scooter. Donated by Wedgewood Marine & Viceroy Homes.
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Free wagon rides – Clayton Cameron and Ingram Wessell
Displays along the Gull River
Prizes for youngest, oldest, best Canada Day costume, visitor from farthest away
Rubber Ducky Race – 2:00
Live musical entertainment
Children's Games – sponsored by the Minden Fire Department
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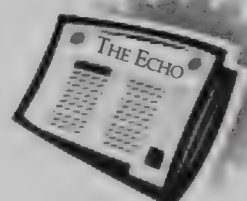
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pigments.
Gallery Hours:
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,
Tuesday to Saturday
286-3763

**WINTERGREEN
PANCAKE BARN
STRAWBERRY SOCIAL**
June 28, 29, 30
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Rhubarb and strawberries had to
come together. Choose a fresh straw-
berry or strawberry/Rhubarb pie to en-
joy at home. Our decadent desserts
come with real whipped cream and
fresh fruit. Crepes, waffles, angel food
cake, and sliced pie appeal to any ap-
petite. We continue to add new fla-
vour treats to our 40 fruit jams, jellies,
unique marmalades, mustards, rel-
ishes and seven barbecue sauce vari-
eties. Wintergreen features ten deli-
cious fruit syrups that can create cook-
ing magic. The newest flavour is lav-
ender syrup, wonderful in tea or on
ice cream. The regular maple restau-
rant menu is available with added fruit.
Try a fruit milkshake, smoothie or a
banana split. Reserve a pie by phone
286-3202.. County Road #1 in Ger-
ler. Our next opening date is July 12,
13 for fresh raspberries.

You're invited to preview
**JOHN LENNARD'S
ORIGINAL OILS**
June 28 & 29 Noon to 6 p.m.
at
Lennard's Studio House
16 St. Germaine St. Minden
286-3037.

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**HAVE SOME FUN, "Learn to Play
the Violin"** - Canadian Old Time Fid-
dle Style or your choice. Contact Wil-
liam at 489-2573.

THE BEAR'S DEN is open daily from
10:00 - 6:00, except we close at 3:00
on Saturdays so we can go riding. We
offer motorcyclists a wide range of
products and parts, and our parts are
only 24 hours away. We have also ex-
tended our horizons and you should
stop in and see what we can offer Off
Road Enthusiasts. So...give us a call
at (705) 286-3211 or, better yet, stop
by and check us out (right beside
Minden Jug City). Just follow the bear
to his den.

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THE COUPLE THAT BOUGHT a
Chinese tea and coffee set. Please
contact us at 286-6078.

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able at reasonable rates. Call Cher-
yl Cooper (705) 754-3210.

330 YARD/GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE
Saturday, Sunday & Monday
June 28, 29, 30
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Mackay Drive & Donald
Minden (follow signs) - 286-2654
Assorted items plus wicker furniture.

CORRECTION!!

A classified ad in the
Minden Times has the
wrong date.
The ad should read as
follows:

**2ND ANNUAL
MINDEN FOOD BANK
FOOD DRIVE**
Held at 63 Main St.
(Old I.G.A. Building)
on June 28, 2003
8:30 - 4:30
Food donations welcome
**PET FOOD BANK'S
1ST FUNDRAISER**
Held at same location & time
Pet food donations welcomed

MOVING SALE
Sat. & Sun., June 28 & 29
8 a.m. - 3 p.m. each day
Paradise Cove Rd. follow signs.
Something for everybody

YARD SALE
Saturday, June 28
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
3134 Clark Drive South Bay
Haliburton Lake

YARD SALE
Saturday, June 28th
8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Blairhampton Rd., 2.3 km off Hwy.
121.
We're moving.
Great variety.

340 AUCTIONS/FLEA MARKETS

NORM MILLS AUCTION SALE
Estate Auction
for Ken McKnight
Sat., July 5, 9 a.m.
Directions: Just west of
Haliburton Village on Hwy. 121,
see signs. Mr. McKnight was an
active long time resident of
Haliburton.

There are beautiful antique pieces
in this "entire estate" - a long sale!
Short-partial list: Antique tea wagon,
piano, china cabinet, barley twist wall
table, Barley twist fern stand, Wal-
nut parlour table, 4-Harp back chairs,
Duncan Fyffe table, corner china cabi-
net, Bird's eye/Oak Book case. Oak
buffet, mantel clocks by Arthur Pe-
quegnat Berline Ontario, Ingrahm,
Waterbury, Piano stool, Barley twist
coat/hat tree, vanity, red cedar blan-
ket box, metronome, sewing cabinet,
childrens cut glass cream and sugar
etc., antique doll, crosscut saws, barn
Augers, clothes rack, fern table, boys
"Union Tool Chest", cabinet planes,
snow shoes, press back rocker, wick-
er shopping cart, glass ware, Stafford-
shire, Myott, Avon pcs., Jewellery, vi-
olin, 10 assorted large beautiful pic-
ture frames, childs wicker carriage,

340 AUCTIONS/FLEA MARKETS

Continued
pickle crock, Brass Bed, small cast
iron pot belly stove, bubble glass pic-
ture frame, sad irons, trivets, carnival
glass, cranberry, lead glass assorted
pcs. Stihl 048 chain saw, small table
saw, jointer, Wet/dry Vac, oars, pad-
dles, maple syrup cans, chainfall 14'
aluminum canoe, 12' aluminum boat,
3 h.p. Evinrude boat motor, extension
ladder, Roto tiller, B&S mower, John
Deer TRS 27" snow blower, J.D. self
propelled mower, wheelbarrows. Hi-
tachi col. T.V., apartment clothesdry-
er, regular kitchen effects, living room,
bedroom effects. Please note: long
sale, please dress for Haliburton
weather ie. snow, equator tempera-
ture, blackflies, hail, and etc. With such
a great offering this is the classic auc-
tion of the year. To list your auction
call early. Norm Mills, Auction-
eer/Appraiser (705) 286-3535.

WHITE'S ANTIQUE AUCTION SALE

Sat., June 28 - 11 a.m.
Sale to consist of approx. 25
head of registered Belgian
horses and other grade
consignments.
Held at the farm of B&D
Evergreen Lane Farms.
From Bancroft take Hwy. 28S
approx. 13 kms to Hwy. #118
(formerly 121). Turn right and go 1
km. Watch for signs.

Farm Equipment: Massey Ferguson
35 Diesel with a 300 allied loader, bug-
gy, show wagon, sleighs, show har-
nesses and bridals, etc. **Horses:** Ap-
prox. 10 reg. Mares, team of 3 year
old Geldings, 1 stud colt, 2 filly colts,
reg. stallion, etc. The above list of
horses have been vaccinated for the
West Nile Virus. 3 year old reg. mare
(open), reg. stud, 5 month old stud
colt, yearling filly, 9 year old mare, 4
year old mare. The above list of hor-
ses has been dewormed. Late addition
to include a Morgan horse. **Liability:**
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440 THANK YOU
I WOULD LIKE TO THANK all who
helped put on the open house for my
75th Birthday. Thank you to friends
and relatives who attended. Also for
all the cards and gifts received. Spe-
cial thanks to Barb of Country Charm
Bed & Breakfast for opening her beau-
tiful home for the day. I can't forget to
thank my friends in Calorie Counters
for their surprise. You are a great
group. It was wonderful to see so
many long time friends and relatives.
Love you all, God Bless, Beryl Moon.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK eve-
ryone for the cards, flowers, food and
donations. For all the kind words, hugs
and shared memories. We will miss
you Mom. Ray Sisson and Family.

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450 IN MEMORIAM

BILLINGS, ROBERT - In loving
memory of a dear father, father-in-law
and grandfather who passed away
June 27, 1998.
Like a favorite song
Memories of you play over and over
in our minds.
Like a page in our memory book
We recall the laughter and good times.
A silent thought, a secret tear
A constant wish you were still here.
Gone but not forgotten.
Love Jack and Loretta, Jason, Stea-
cy, Madison, Mitchell, Mike, Rachel,
Paige.

McCOLL, ELSIE - In loving memo-
ry of our dear grandmother and great
grandmother who passed away on
June 26, 2001.
As time unfolds another year
Memories keep you ever near
Silent thoughts of times together
Hold memories that will last forever.
Remembering you always, Vickie,
Larry, Jeremy, Krista, Steve.

460 OBITUARIES

**AT REST
EARLE BARRY**
Passed away peacefully
at the Haliburton Hospital
on Friday, June 20, 2003.
In his 84th year.

Beloved husband of the late Marjorie
(nee Jones - 1979) and the late Eliz-
abeth (nee Trebell - 1999). Loving fa-
ther of Jeff and his wife Pat, Linda and
her husband Chester Dickie, prede-
ceased by his daughter Sandra (wife
of Ken Briggs) and step father of Rus-
ty and Sue Cardona. Sadly missed
by his grandchildren, great grandchil-
dren, nieces, nephews and their fa-
milies. Friends were invited to visit the
family at the Gordon A. Monk Funer-
al Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden
on Sunday afternoon from 2:00 until
4:00 p.m. Funeral Service in the
Chapel on Monday, June 23, 2003 at
1:00 p.m. Interment was held at the
Maple Lake United Church Cemetery.
Reception followed at the Maple Lake
United Church, downstairs. Memori-
al donations to the Canadian Cancer
Society or to the Haliburton Highlands
Health Services Foundation (HHHSF)
would be appreciated by the family.

**AT REST
FLOYD GLENN HIE**
Passed away peacefully at the
Haliburton Hospital on
Sunday, June 22, 2003.
At the age of 66.

Beloved husband of Betty, dear father
of Joy, Brett and his wife Shauna,
Nathan and his wife Corinne, Glenn
Jr., Jeanette. Loving grandfather of
nine grandchildren. Dear brother of
Carl and his wife Shirley. Friends are
invited to visit the family at the Gor-
don A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127
Main St., Minden on Wednesday af-
ternoon from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00
p.m. Private family service following.
Interment Twelve Mile Lake Ce-
metery. Memorial donations to the
Heart & Stroke Foundation would be
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In loving memory of
AGNES POPPLE
who died at London, Ontario on
Sunday, June 15, 2003
in her 89th year.

Beloved wife of the late Robert Popple. Dear mother of Mary Skelton and her husband Robert, Bob Popple and his wife Heather and Donald Popple and his wife Sheila. Loving grandmother of 8 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Dear sister of Mary Totten and her husband Jack and the late Alex and Jessie Sweeton. Will be sadly missed by her sisters-in-law Bernice Sweeton, Nellie Grigg and Leona Popple. Visitation was held at the Penetanguishene Funeral Home, 155 Main Street, Penetanguishene on Tuesday, June 17th from 6-9 p.m. A Funeral Service was held at St. James-on-the Lines Church, Penetanguishene on Wednesday, June 18th at 1 p.m. Interment at St. James-on-the Lines Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services would be appreciated by the family.

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460 OBITUARIES

LIDDLE, JAMES (JAMIE) - In loving memory of James (Jamie) Liddle. At Haliburton Hospital on Wednesday, June 18, 2003 in his 78th year. Beloved husband of Patricia Ann (nee Ward). Loving father of Catherine (Stephen) McFadden of Chesley, Ont., William (Beverley) of N. Vancouver, Colin (Ann Hartley) of Belle Ewart, and Ann (Tom) Gibson of Barrie. Dear grandfather of Michael, Merrie, Jamie and Christine, and extended grandchildren Dan, Jeni and Tanya. Dear brother of Ken of Carlton Place, Bruce (Marilyn) of Huntsville and Margaret Jane (Ed) Koziki of Niagara on the lake. Predeceased by his parents Elizabeth Ann (Burgess) and Edward James Liddle. Lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Friends were invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton Ont. (705) 457-9209 on Friday afternoon, June 20, 2003 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. A Knights of Columbus Service has taken place in the Chapel Friday evening at 8 p.m. Funeral Service was held at St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church on Saturday morning, June 21, 2003 at 11 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family.

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Preston Roberts reaches for his falling ball while playing the 'scoop' ball game.

S B E S F U N D A Y



Librarian Jim Hopkins played the target in the wet sponge toss.

School board passes balanced budget

In accordance with Ministry of Education regulations, school boards are required to file financial estimates for the 2003-04 school year by June 27. At last Tuesday's regular board meeting, Trillium Lakelands District School Board trustees unanimously supported the balanced budget as presented, totaling \$163,148,262.

"We are incorporating the results of board decisions over time," said Jim Bradley, superintendent of business. "Collective agreements, staffing complement policies, legislation, and events such as fuel cost fluctuations all play a

major role in determining the final outcome."

"Trillium Lakelands, like other boards, receives virtually all if its funding for annual operations and capital from the Ministry of Education," said David Hill, Director of Education. "We have to comply with many Ministry requirements with regard to classroom, special education, school renewal and governance expenditures. This can be challenging but administration and trustees were able to focus on the students and deliver the required balanced budget."

long weekend

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yard sales

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DON'T GET LOST! CLIP AND TAKE WITH YOU

1 **YARD SALE**
Sunday Only, June 29th
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 George Street near Pine
 Furniture, craft supplies, bikes,
 sports equipment, odds and ends.

2 **GARAGE SALE**
Saturday & Sunday,
June 28 & 29
9:00 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Maple St., (Hwy. #118) & Park St.
 2nd house from corner on Park.
 Watch for signs.
 Something for everyone.

3 **castle building centres EMMERSON LUMBER**
TWO DAY SALE
SATURDAY JUNE 28
& SUNDAY JUNE 29
7:30AM - 5:00PM



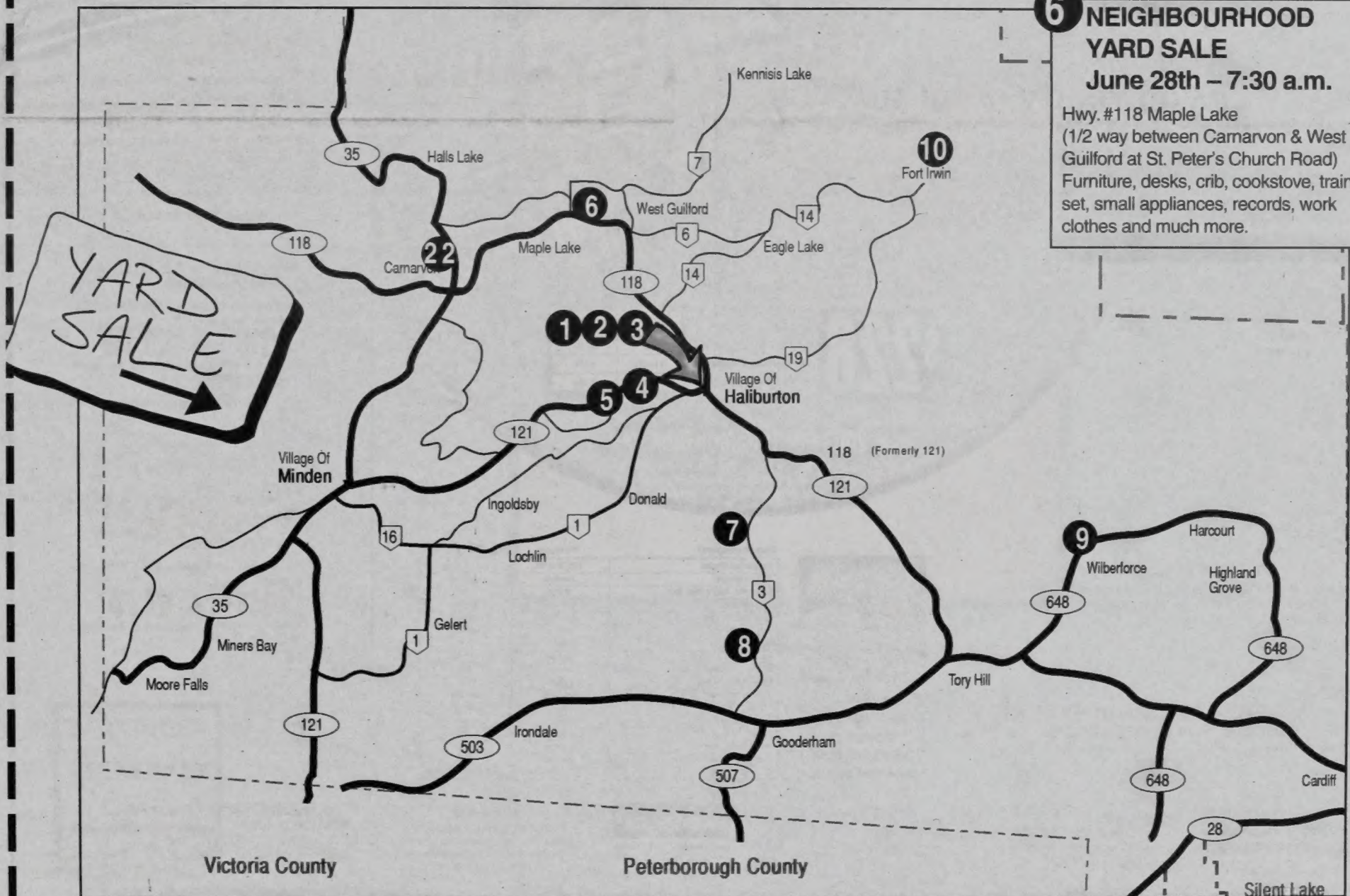
WINDOWS, DOORS, LOUVERED CLOSET DOORS,
SHOWER STALLS, TUB SURROUNDS,
HARDWARE, PAINT, STEEL SHELVES,
LIFTS OF LUMBER - SECONDS
DAMAGED PANELLING
+ 4 HP OUTBOARD MOWER

4 **YARD SALE**
Saturday, June 28th
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 Lot S310 South Lake Kashaga-
 wigamog Rd. (follow signs)
 Antique wood burning stove and (2)
 under the counter dishwashers and
 much more.

5 **YARD SALE**
Saturday, June 28,
8 - 2 p.m.
 Old Allsaw Rd.,
 bottom of hill
 Lots of good treasures.

6 **NEIGHBOURHOOD**
YARD SALE
June 28th - 7:30 a.m.

Hwy. #118 Maple Lake
 (1/2 way between Camarvon & West
 Guilford at St. Peter's Church Road)
 Furniture, desks, crib, cookstove, train
 set, small appliances, records, work
 clothes and much more.



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7 **MOVING & YARD SALE**
Saturday & Sunday
June 28 & 29
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 Koshlong Lake Rd. "C",
 off Cty. Rd. #3
 (Buckhorn Rd.) - 457-2505
 Furniture, dishes and other
 household items.

8 **GARAGE SALE**
Saturday, June 28th
9:00 a.m. to noonish
 Buckhorn Road & 10th Cons. Gooderham
 GIVING UP THE CRAFT BIZ - lots of wood
 pieces, Halloween things, Teddy bears,
 wreaths, flower patterns, Pattern books and
 many more items in the craft line
 ALSO - Dehumidifier, electric fry pan, crystal
 punch bowl, new hand knit sweater, Xmas dish
 set, Tea set, Lady's suit case and many other
 items of interest! Gladys 447-2011

9 **GARAGE SALE**
Saturday, June 28
beginning 8:00 a.m.
 St. Margaret's Church
 CR 648 in downtown
 Wilberforce

10 **F.I.R.A.**
BAKE & CRAFT SALE
Saturday, June 28
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 on Haliburton Lake
 F.I.R.A. Community Hall (4 km north of Fort
 Irwin Bridge - Follow signs)
 Bake table, concrete yard art. All natural
 wreaths, welcome signs, craft table, large flea
 market table, botanical soaps - insect repellent
 bars, used books, Haliburton Lake T-shirts.

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Fog Lights	standard	N/A
Integral Child Safety Seat	standard	optional
3" Row 50/50 Split Seats	standard	N/A
Lower Body Cladding	standard	N/A
AM/FM CD Stereo	standard	optional
Tilt Steering	standard	standard
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Power Door Locks	standard	standard
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